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OF

THOMAS TYLDESLEY

(Grandson of Sir Thomas Tyldesley, the Royalist),

DURING THE YEARS 1712-13-14;

WITH

INTRODUCTION, NOTES, AND INDEX,

BY JOSEPH GILLOW AND ANTHONY HEWITSON,

ILLUSTRATED.

HAL: What hast thou found?
POINS: Nothing but papers, my lord.
HAL: Let's see what they be; read them.

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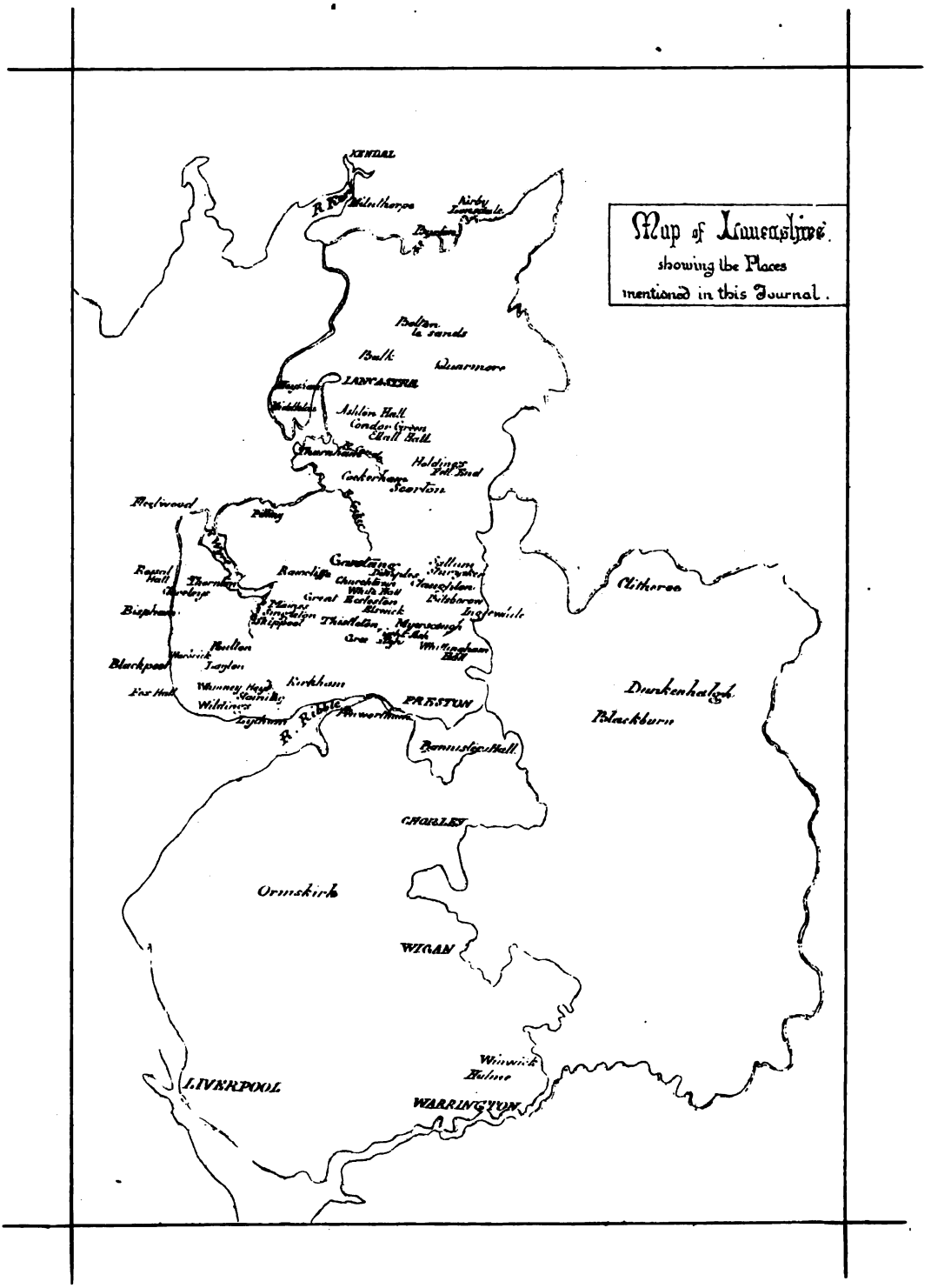
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Fleetwood
Pilling
Garstang
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Sturgeon
Rawcliffe
Churchtown
White Hall
Great Eccleston
Elswick
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INTRODUCTION.

Few tasks seem easier, and yet we know of none very much harder, than that of keeping a private diary. Primarily, the work may gratify the idiosyncracies, or tend to usefully methodise the experience, or give a species of charm to the reminiscences of the writer; but the continuity of attention, the perseverance and exactitude of habit involved in it, operate frequently as a barrier to ultimate success, and surround with weariness or monotony a labour originally invested with daily freshness. It is on this account that few men succeed as diary keepers; and on this account, too, that we relish anything in the shape of personal records characterised by consecutiveness and order. Out of diaries numbers have obtained many an unexpected pleasure, many an item of strangely-quaint and peculiarly-valuable information; and through diaries our literature has, in many of its best and most entertaining departments, been enriched and beautified. Upon contemporary life, upon the manners and customs of his age, the diarist, if intelligent and faithful, throws numerous lights; and whilst he saves from oblivion much that is curious, and more that is true, he enlivens and instructs the present with the incidents and peculiarities of the past. The diary we have decided to publish is the record of Thomas Tyldesley, of Myerscough Lodge, near Garstang, and of Fox Hall, Blackpool—a man of superior lineage, of good social position, whose ancestors figure prominently in the history of Lancashire and the annals of the nation. The man we have now to do with was a descendant of the celebrated Tyldesley family—a family famed for its bravery, noted for its loyalty, but reduced by its misfortunes. Not far from Bolton-le-Moors there is a small yet gradually improving village, called Tyldesley; and it was this place which gave the name to the family. When the Tyldesleys (whose pedigree is given hereafter) originally settled at this place, we cannot ascertain; but that they were connected with the district at an early date, is certain. Henry de Tildesley held a tenth part of a knight's fee at Tyldesley, in the reign of Edward I. The character and condition of the place were considerably improved at a subsequent period through the influence of Thurstan Tildesley, who was well-known by the Earl of Derby,

and who erected Wardley Hall, near Manchester, about the beginning of Edward VI's reign. Taking into account the intimacy subsisting between members of the Derby and the Tyldesley families, and bearing in mind the connection of the former with the Isle of Man, the probability is that some of the men whose names have a close affinity to that of the latter and who figure in the annals of the island, were either directly or collaterally ancestors of the Diarist. In 1405, Henry IV granted a letter of protection to William de Stanley, Knight, John de Tildesley, and others on their going to the Isle of Man to take possession of the island and the castle. In 1417, Sir John de Stanley, "King and Lord of Man," being called to England, left Thurstan de Tyldesly, "a wise and severe magistrate," and Roger de Haysnap, his commissioner, with instructions to settle the people. The "Receiver General" of the Isle of Man in 1532, was named Thurstan Tyldesly. In 1539, George Stanley was Captain of the Isle of Man, and, in the year following, Thomas Tyldesly was the Deputy thereof. Chaloner's treatise of the Isle (vol. 10, Manx Society's publications), makes mention of Robert Tynsley as "Atturney Generall." Reverting to the Lancashire history of the Tyldesleys, we may observe that Thurstan, who built Wardley Hall, was twice married—in the first instance to Percival, daughter of Geoffrey Shakerley, of Shakerley; in the second to Jane, daughter of Ralph Langton, baron of Newton; and by each he had issue. To the children of his first marriage he left Tyldesley and Wardley, and to those of the second Myerscough, &c. His great grandson of the elder branch, Sir Thomas Tyldesley, was Attorney-General for Lancaster, and one of the Council of the North, in the reign of James I. On his death he left a son who survived him but a few years, and through whose decease the old estate at Tyldesley went to the children of the second marriage. The Wardley property had prior to this period been alienated. Edward Tyldesley, son of Thurstan, by his second wife, married Anne, daughter and heiress of Thomas Leyland, of Morleys, and she brought that estate into the Tyldesley family. Their son Edward, who married Elizabeth, daughter of Christopher Preston, of Holker, entertained King James I at Myerscough Lodge, during his royal progress, in 1617. Edward, who died the year afterwards, was father of Major-General Sir Thomas Tyldesley—the bravest and most distinguished member of the family, and not unfrequently styled "*Chevalier sans peur et sans reproche.*" Sir Thomas, who for a time was governor of Lichfield Gaol, married Frances, daughter of Ralph Standish, of Standish He was a renowned and gallant warrior in

the Civil Wars, served under the Earl of Derby, was a strong supporter of the Royal cause in Lancashire, and was killed in 1651, at the battle of Wigan-lane. Alexander Rigby, Esq., who fought as cornet in the same battle, was High Sheriff of the County, in 1677-8, and during that year he caused a monumental pillar to be erected in Wigan-lane, recording Tyldesley's brave military deeds. Edward, son of Sir Thomas Tyldesley, born in 1635, adhered to the Royal cause; and on the Restoration of Charles II. it was expected that he, along with other supporters of the House of Stuart, would be honoured by a new order of knighthood; but that monarch, blinded by the dazzle of renewed prosperity, forgot those who had served him in the day of his adversity; and the anticipated knighthood never came. Edward Tyldesley, expecting at the time of the Restoration the gift of Layton Hawes, near Blackpool, was induced to build on the south side of that town—then an insignificant village—a house called Fox Hall. The place now termed Layton Hawes, where Mr. R. Cookson lives, is 4 miles from Fox Hall, and belongs to John Talbot Clifton, Esq., of Lytham Hall. Edward died anterior to 1687, and the next of the family, whom we are most interested in, is his son Thomas, the Diarist, who was born April 3rd, 1657. Thomas was married twice—in 1679 to Eleanor, daughter and one of the coheiresses of Thomas Holcroft, of Holcroft, through whom he became possessed of a portion of that property; and afterwards to Mary, sister and coheiress (with Elizabeth Colley) of Sir Alexander Rigby, Knt., of Layton, High Sheriff of Lancashire in 1691, son and heir of "the grateful erector" of the monument to Sir Thomas Tyldesley, in Wigan-lane, who survived him. Myerscough Lodge was his chief residence during the latter portion of his life; but he made frequent visits to Fox Hall, which was a substantial edifice, and, in comparison with the neighbouring habitations, a very superior house. Fox Hall, situated on the edge of the promenade, a short distance below the new pier at Southshore, may still be seen. Many years ago, it was converted into two dwellings, then it became a beershop, and now it is known as the Fox Hall Hotel. It has an ancient appearance; and mainly attracts notice by its curiously-formed massive masonry, now in a very dilapidated condition, on the south-western side. The walls here, built of sea-shore cobble stone, are very thick, and there is a degree of ornamentation still visible amongst the ruins at the rear suggestive of the original superiority of the structure. This hall, we are told, was comprised in three gables, and had over the chief entrance the motto—"Seris factura

nepotibus"—the motto which Edward Tyldesley, in anticipation of the rumoured new order of the Royal Oak, fancied would be his own. It has been conjectured that the strong wall now in ruins on the south-west, which has the appearance of having been formed as a shelter for the place from the storms periodically raging on that side, was really a work of defence. There was formerly, over a gateway on the south side, a stone bearing a roughly-chiselled representation of a pelican feeding her young, with the following inscription running round the figure—"Tantum Valet Amor Regis et Patriæ;" but this stone was removed; afterwards it was walled into an adjoining barn; and some time ago the Rev. W. Thornber, of Blackpool, had it in his possession. At one time the Tyldesleys kept a fox chained to the door of Fox Hall. There was a secret chamber in the Hall, which formerly went by the name of the "King's cupboard." It was made for James II. during the supposed plots of 1690 and 1694. During the Rebellion of 1715, Fox Hall was ostensibly kept as a shooting seat; but in reality it was "a private rendezvous for Popish recusants." It has been stated that the Pretender was secreted here for some time; but this is a mistake; although it seems to be pretty certain that James II was expected at the Hall, and that some preparations were made for accommodating him in it. A hiding-place, at any rate, was made for him here. There were also various other hiding-places in the building,—similar to those in many old edifices, used by priests and others in troublous times; and some of them were in existence in 1788. Myerscough Lodge, the other seat of the diarist, is situated in a lonely part, behind Myerscough Hall, about a mile and a half from the Lancaster and Preston highway. It is on the southern side of the road leading from Roebuck to St. Michael's, is an irregularly-constructed building, very plain in the bulk of its architecture, and now occupied as a farmhouse. It stands in the "forest of Myerscough," and belongs to the Crown. King James I stayed here two or three nights, and Charles II lodged one night in the building. Formerly it was surrounded by a Royal park. Leland, the antiquary, who lived in the time of Henry VIII, refers to the red deer in "Merscow park;" and it is stated that up to 1778 there were deer in it. On the southern side of the Lodge there is a small bridge, with an expanse of water, as if artificially enlarged for ornamental purposes, on each side. The little winding current of Old Brock passes down here. Eastward it is conjectured that the chief road to the Lodge once ran; and at a distance of about 150 yards from the building, in this direction, there are standing

two very fine old yew trees, about five yards apart, between which, it is supposed, the road passed. Near these yews there is a clump of trees and brushwood, growing upon a small eminence, around which is a broad indentation which has evidently at some time been filled with water for ornamental effect. The Lodge, as observed, is an unassuming building: there is nothing either massive or elaborate on the south or front side of it; indeed, this part of the structure has a modern, domestic look. The back part of the edifice, facing the north, seems to mainly retain its original character: it is far worn and rather dilapidated; but with its old windows, irregular gables, and remnants of ancient woodwork, it has quite a picturesque appearance. The most peculiar object at the back is what appears to be a buttressed chimney stack. It runs down to the ground, and projects from the gable considerably; but it has clearly served for some other purpose than that of a mere chimney: indeed the real chimney runs up the general wall of the gable, and we are induced to conjecture that this projection has served for "hiding places," at the inner side, level with the first and second floors. The interior of the building, at the rear, favours this supposition. On the eastern side there is a gable containing ancient ribbed woodwork; but beyond the simple disposition of the timbers there is nothing here of an interesting character. The southern front of the building has been cased with brick, and evidently conceals the wood and plaster work forming the facade of the original building. Approaching the Lodge from the present highroad, and passing along a farmyard for a short distance, we meet on the right hand side with a stable, which, in its front wall, over the doorway, contains a square stone with an indented oval centre, in which is the following inscription: "Old Dog Lad, 1714." The letters are in Roman capitals, and each word makes a line. Reference to this inscription is made in the Diary, and a note is given explaining it, so that we need not here comment upon its meaning. This stable forms one of a block of farm buildings, the centre of which is comparatively new. The southern end, now used as a barn, seems to be of the same age as the stable, and the upper portion of it was formerly, according to tradition, used as a chapel—probably by the Roman Catholics of the district. On the north-eastern side of the yard there is a small building, in which a bull had found its quarters when we visited the place, and above the door we observed a carved stone, bearing a ribbon scroll, with an inscription upon it; but the letters were so far worn and irregular that we could not decipher them. The chief objects of interest within the Lodge are, a room on the north-west side, on the ground floor, the

staircase, and a small apartment above, at the eastern end. The room spoken of, down stairs, contains a handsome carved chimney-piece, of dark oak, surmounted by panels of the same material reaching from the mantel to the ceiling. The panels are eight in number, and conjointly have a bold, elaborate, and very antique appearance. The four upper panels bear the initials, "T.T." (Thomas Tyldesley), the arms of the Tyldesley family, the crest of the Derby family, and the Manx arms; whilst the lower ones contain medallion heads in strong relief. The room is panelled round, evidently from floor to ceiling; but for some reason which cannot be harmonised with either sense or good taste, the whole of the wood work has been covered with common wall paper! Edward Tyldesley, Esq., who had arms allowed him in 1644, is thought to have been the person who improved this particular portion of the Lodge; but the initials "T. T.," which appear in the panelling, would seem to indicate that Thomas Tyldesley, the diarist, had something to do with the work. From entries in the diary it is clear that he was instrumental in fitting up certain portions of the building, so that this supposition is not an improbable one. The stair-case which runs up from the centre of the building, opposite the front door, is broad and ornamented with a massive ballustrade of carved oak. The apartment at the east end is pointed out as that wherein the two kings, who visited the Lodge, slept. It is small, with common walls, and its roof forms half a hexagon. The kitchen below is a very spacious place, with an old-fashioned, gigantic fire-place in it. Altogether, the Lodge has undergone numerous changes since the Tyldesleys occupied it; and beyond what we have named, there are no traces either in or about it of those olden days when the building was the abode of a famous family, the halting place of kings, the chief quarters of many a festive gathering, and the scene of many a stirring and curious incident. Thomas Tyldesley, the writer of the diary we have in hand, lived during an eventful period of our national history. He was a child in arms when Cromwell died; was a boy of eight years old when the Great Plague of London prevailed; had just reached manhood when Lord William Russell and Algernon Sidney were executed, and when Charles II, of indolent and profligate memory, died; Bunyan was writing, and Waller making verses, and Sir Christopher Wren planning, when he was twenty-five; a Royal dynasty was changed, many of the most important events in our national history occurred, and some of the most talented men the world has ever seen flourished during the remainder of his life. His era was full of political and religious

upheavings; and the faith he professed—Roman Catholicism—was, during the greater portion of his life, denounced and proscribed.

In the time of the Diarist, England, whose civilisation we boast of so much, knew nothing of the chief inventions and luxuries of this age: steam was unknown; gas was but a subtle element in the dim laboratory of the chemist; newspapers were scarce and dear, and not one was printed in Lancashire; roads were bad; the pack horse and the slow cumbrous waggon constituted the chief agencies of commercial transit; "passenger traffic" was mainly conducted by means of pillion riding and stage coaches, and in lonely districts was open to the attacks of mounted highwaymen; tea and coffee were luxuries for the rich; the poor had suits of hodden grey; and the opulent dressed in the most eccentric of costumes—gentlemen wearing curled wigs, three-cornered hats, and red heeled shoes, with gay waistcoats reaching down to the thighs, and knee breeches of plush, whilst the ladies had flaring gowns, standing out with great hoops, and long hair tied up in knots and hidden under a close cap. Tyldesley was a man of good social position, and his diary, which embraces rather less than the last three years of his life, shows that he knew many of the best families in the county, and never failed to enjoy himself when circumstances were favourable. He was fond of good eating, and good drinking, and jovial company—spent much of his time in visiting and receiving visits, in fox-hunting, otter catching, horse racing, bowling, fishing, coursing, and in riding about the country. He was a great traveller on horseback; had a most mercurial disposition; seems to have floated quickly, meteorically, most singularly about; and how he managed to travel such distances so rapidly and repeatedly, considering the character of many of the roads he would have to traverse, and the particular time when he passed along them—for he was often "on the wing" at night,—is a mystery which we cannot solve. Tyldesley kept company with many of the neighbouring gentry; and the peculiarly unsettled, free and easy manner in which he passed his days and spent his nights, may, to some extent, be accounted for by the fact that the law of the land did not permit one of his religious persuasion to occupy any post of consequence; that he had no chance of either definitely developing or fully concentrating his energies upon any regular pursuit appropriate to a man of his position; and that in order to while away the time and gratify a spirited nature, he travelled about, hither and thither, on horseback, sought out convivial friends, ate and supped with them, either at their own houses or in

neighbouring hostelries, indulged in many kinds of recreation, and was always glad to see those whose hospitality he had shared at his table in Myerscough or Blackpool. Another reason for the erratic character of the man was no doubt this—that he belonged to the strong Jacobite party, and in assisting to develope the plans of that body had to be in many places at many unusual times. Although of a stirring disposition, and enamoured of numerous things which may appear strange, he was not a bad man : he had a generous disposition, was hospitable, genial, open-hearted; and if he did sometimes exceed the bounds of discretion, we are inclined to attribute this rather to the peculiarity of the times in which he lived, and to the quick impulses of an exuberant nature, than to any inherent love of excess or impropriety. The style in which he lived was not, we need hardly say, the cheapest; it was costly; and although he appears to have kept a close eye upon his personal and domestic expenditure, —for he notes down items with almost the precision of an auditor,—this did not somehow prevent him from getting into debt, and seriously impoverishing his pecuniary position. His income was, probably, not large; his habits, at any rate, were too expensive to be sustained by it; and in his later years his receipts became so inadequate that he had to mortgage property, forestall rents, suffer interest to be added to debt, and so overburthen his prospective resources that his family never recovered from the pressure thus put upon its affairs. His diary is full of interesting incidents, curious adventures, and odd doings; records minutely the actions of the writer; and depicts, tersely and quaintly, many of the manners and customs prevalent, in what may be termed " better class society," during the early portion of the 18th century. The Diarist speaks of the companions met with, the money they spent upon each other, and the enjoyments they participated in; of his journeyings from place to place, and the friends he stayed with; of the way he and other gentlemen accompanied sheriffs to Lancaster, and met judges there; of the style in which they dined in the old town, and the peculiar manner in which men of position sometimes conducted themselves on those occasions; of the times he went to religious service, and the priests whom he saw; of the hours at which he went to bed, and the period when he got up; of the seasons of illness he passed through, and, particularly, of the physic he took. When indisposed, he was a great believer in phlebotomy and physic, especially in manna; and how he recovered, in the face of such enormous doses as those he took, would be a hard problem for even the most inveterate allopath to

solve. It is a notable fact that there is scarcely a family of worth in Lancashire, whose members he either has not met with, or does not in some way mention. From entries which frequently appear, the Diarist seems to have been connected with the mock Corporation of Walton-le-Dale. The members of that Corporation used to meet at the Unicorn Inn, Walton, and under the cover of conviviality and jollity really concealed a deep political purpose. They existed as a "Corporation" till about 1740, and Dr. Whitaker tells us that they consisted of Catholic and Jacobite nobility and gentry, who were desirous of adopting plans for the restoration of the exiled Stuart family. Some of the relics of this Corporation are at present in the possession of R. Townley Parker, Esq., of Cuerden Hall, near Preston; and amongst them are four wooden staves, around which are silver bands bearing the names of the officers for each year. The earliest has upon it the date 1701; and among other names on the staves are those of "Dr. Thomas Tyldesley," who seems to have been "tester" to the Corporation in 1704-5-6; John Tyldesley, Esq., "Sergeant" in 1707; and Thomas Tyldesley, Esq., "Slut-kisser" in 1708. In 1709 the "Mayor" was the most noble Thomas Duke of Norfolk; and in 1711 the "Mayor" was James, the unfortunate Earl of Derwentwater Thomas Tyldesley, of Myerscough Lodge, towards the close of his career, rented a house from Mr. Gibson, in Lancaster, and—through either very straightened circumstances, or with the view of more readily seeing his friends —lived there for a time. He died at the Lodge, before 1715, and was buried in either the yard, or church, of Churchtown, near Garstang. The registers of that church (1714-15) record the burial of "Thos. Tinsley, of Lodge." Tyldesley, as we have said, was a Roman Catholic; and notwithstanding all his peculiarities, he never seems to have lost sight of the importance of his creed, and the necessity of at least observing its general duties. Politically, he was a Royalist. During the movement which culminated in the Rebellion of 1715, we find that he gets his sword and gun mended, ready for use; that those with whom he consorts are no longer the ordinary gentry of the neighbourhood, but men of consequence, from Scotland and various parts of Lancashire, who are known to have been amongst the principal supporters of the older Pretender; and, taking into account the strong spirit and general enthusiasm of the man, it may be presumed that he only escaped their fate by death. Regarding Tyldesley's descendants, the story is but short: his son Edward was a comparatively poor man, joined the Rebels, at Lancaster, in 1715, was afterwards taken prisoner, conveyed to London, and acquitted. He died before 1725, and

his son James, who is described of Holcroft (the Myerscough property having, it is thought, been swallowed up by his grandfather's creditors), served in the army of Prince Charles, in 1745, sold Morley in 1755; but at the time of his death, in 1765, as appears in his will, dated 8th Feb., 1765, and proved at Chester, 23rd April, 1768, he still retained possession of Holcroft Hall. He left four sons and one daughter; and their direct descendents, if any remain, must now, it is feared, be "sought for in a much lower grade of life than that occupied by their ancestors." James, another son of the Diarist, by his second wife, seems to have lived to an extraordinary age; he died 24th Oct., 1800, in the 99th year of his age. By his wife, Ellen, he had issue several sons, the eldest, of Shakerley, being named after his grandfather, Thomas; and from these children descend many families still living in the neighbourhood of Tyldesley. From a deed, dated 20 June, 1720, it appears that Mary Tyldesley, widow of the Diarist, was then living at Lancaster, and with her sister Elizabeth Colley, of Loriant, in Brittany, also a widow, conveyed to to Robert Legh, of Chorley, Esq., a moiety of the messuage called Morleys, in Ashton. About this time she still owned, and perhaps occasionally resided at, Fox-hall, and whilst there suffered from a great flood which occurred. A subscription for the sufferers was got up; but she appears to have received no benefit from it; and in a letter evidently written by her, which we have seen, she prays that if any of the money is in hand, or if a second subscription be got up, she may share some advantage from it. In May, 1722, she went to live with one Mrs. Walmsley, at Poulton-le-Fylde, and whilst in this quarter she and her daughters seem to have visited the families at Rossall, Maynes Hall, Burn Hall, and Whinney Heys. In 1723 she went to reside in Preston. One of her letters, unsigned, bearing date December 14th, 1724, is addressed to "Madm Tinsley, Widow, in Saint John's-street, Preston." During her residence in Preston she paid visits to Lady Hoghton, and to the families at Kirkland Hall, Bannister Hall, &c.; and whilst here she apparently increased her income by dress making—she made gowns, for many of the chief families in the county. She also kept one or more cows. Neither the year of her death, nor the place where it took place, is known. The MS. of Tyldesley's diary—a long, narrow folio—has for some years been in the possession of Mr. T. Parkinson, of Myerscough Cottage, near Preston, who has kindly permitted us to copy it. The writing is firm, clear, and pretty bold. An exact copy of one of the pages is here given.

interpreted to read as follows:—"Oswald Lord Derby, Demesne of Garstang, Lord Archer of the Duchy" *(Hardwick's Hist. Preston)*; but this is only based upon imagination.

* Ancestor of the Rawstornes of Hutton Hall & Penwortham Priory.

THE DIARY.

MARCH 25, ✝ 1712.

Went with Mrs. to Booke, to prayrs, and home to dinr. Afterwards wentt a fowling to Lanr and Aldcliffe marces, and to see Ashton gardens; thence home.

The "Mrs." in this, as in all subsequent allusions thereto, means Mrs. Tyldesley, the Diarist's wife.—The day here named was the Annunciation of B.V.M., and the Diarist refers to hearing Mass, probably in some farmhouse, in Bulk, a township adjoining Lancaster, on the N.E., and the property of the Daltons, of Thurnham.—Aldcliffe is 1¼ miles S.S.W. of Lancaster.—Ashton Hall, described by Baines as "an oblong building, flanked by a projecting wing to the east, and a noble square tower, with angular turrets to the west," was the property of the Duchess of Hamilton. It is situated about 3¼ miles S. of Lancaster.

March 26.—Alday in town, a bussy in improving ye Dame garden.

Probably this was Mrs. Tyldesley's garden.

March 27.—Very bussy gardening, with 8 workmen—Hen. Capland, Hen. Parkinson, and John Crodson; pd Mrs. Tomlinson pro ale, 6 quarts 2s.; gave Mrs. 4s. 6d. to bye candles; pd ye workmen 2s. rd.; soe to beed, —I wenteded.

March 28.—Wentt as ffare as Ellall Milles, to meet Mr. Rostron, High Sheriffe. Went with him after dinr to meet ye Judge, M—g. I suped with ye Sheriffe; and, thoh is very well beloved, yet assizes were soe slendr that only 5 was to 15 disses off meatt, viz.:—Mr. Sheriff, Mr. Nowell, of Read, Mr. Farington, of Shaw Hall, Parson Pankes, and ye Old: Dog: Lad.

Ellel is 4 miles S. of Lancaster.—William Rawsthorne, of Newhall, near Preston, Esq., was the High Sheriff for this year.—Roger Nowell, Esq., of Read, was born in 1664, and was the son of Alexander Nowell, of the same place. Both Roger and his brother Alexander were members of the Mock Corporation of the village of Walton-le-dale. William ffarington, Esq., of Shawe Hall, was Sheriff of Lancashire in 1713.—Werden was the ancient seat of the ffaringtons, but about the time of James I., Sir Thomas ffarington removed to Shawe Hall. His great uncle, Sir William ffarington, enlarged the house, and made it the depository of many marbles, busts, and frescoes which he brought from Italy. It is described as a large, but irregular mansion, with some spacious rooms, one of which (the gallery) is seventy feet by thirty-six, ornamented with some choice works of ancient art.—Old: Dog: Lad: was a nickname adopted by the Diarist, on account of his connection with the Forest of Myerscough. A stone bearing this inscription, with the date of 1714, may still be seen in the wall over the door of a stable at Myerscough Lodge. It was probably placed there by the Diarist, who restored the Lodge in that year. It has been ingeniously interpreted to read as follows:—"Oswald Lord Derby, Demesne of Garstang, Lord Archer of the Duchy" *(Hardwick's Hist. Preston)*; but this is only based upon imagination.

* Ancestor of the Rawstornes of Hutton Hall & Penwortham Priory—

March 29.—Dined with ye Sheriffe, and in the eivening went to ye King's Armes, to see my son, who was with Bror ffrost, Mr. Eyon, Jemmy Singleton, and parson Winttr. I spent my 2s. 6d. with them, and after they went my son treated Jemmy S. and mee, with Nick Bell, two—

The King's Arms, frequently referred to in the Diary, is the hotel bearing that name in Market-street, Lancaster.—Edward Tyldesley, Esq., son and heir of the Diarist, took up arms for the Pretender, and joined the Rebels at Lancaster, on the 12th Nov. 1715. He was tried and acquitted for that offence by the jury, at the Marshalsea, in the following year, "tho' it was proved he had a troop, and entered Preston at the head of it, with his sword drawn. But his sword had a silver handle." (*Patten.*)—Walter Frost, of Cockerham, Esq., was impanelled one of the Grand Jury to try those implicated in the supposed Lancashire Plot, in 1694. He died on the 31st May, 1713.—The Rev. John Winter, was Vicar of Cockerham, from 21st March, 1695, to 1722. He was presented to the Vicarage by Walter Frost, whose claim to the presentation, however, was disputed by Lord Haversham.

March 30.—Dined with my son att Marshall's. Spent in wine with him, T. Marshall, and Mr. Ackerks, 2s. 6d. Hee gave mee £3 0s. 0d. ffrom Morleys. In the eiveing spent with him, Will Greenfield, Mr. Gradell, Mayr of Preston, Will Hesketh, and Robt Hadocke, quar, at ditto place, 2s. 6d.; thence home, W: H: with mee.

Morleys, in Astley, parish of Leigh, was a seat of the Tyldesleys, acquired temp. Eliz., by the marriage of Edward Tyldesley, younger son of Thurstan Tyldesley, of Wardley, Esq., with Ann, daughter and heiress of Thomas Leyland, of Morleys, Esq. It was sold by James Tyldesley, the grandson of the Diarist, in 1755.—William Greenville, or Greenfield, gent., resided at Preston.—William Gradwell was Mayor of Preston in 1711-12 and 1720-1. He was "slut-kisser" to the mock Corporation of Walton, in 1717, and poet-lauret in 1719.—William Hesketh, of Maynes, Esq., son and heir of Thomas Hesketh, of the same place, married Mary, daughter of John Brockholes, of Claughton, Esq., and had issue, Thomas, who succeeded his uncle, William Brockholes, Esq., and assumed the name and arms of Brockholes. Thos. Hesketh Brockholes, dying unmarried, was succeeded by his brother Joseph, who married, in 1768, Constantia, daughter of Basil Fitzherbert, of Swinnerton, County Stafford, Esq. Leaving no issue he left his estates to his brother James for life, with remainder to William Fitzherbert, second son of Basil Fitzherbert, who assumed the name and arms of Brockholes.—Robert Haydock, a younger son of Evan Haydock, of Cottam Hall, Esq., married Margery, daughter of James Wall, of Preston, Esq., and widow of John Hothersall, of Hothersall Hall, Esq.

March 31.—Went to Hen: Wayles to find my son, butt hee was in company, and therffor I spent 6d. with Just. Longworth and Jack Grimbolson. About 8 saw him take horse with Jemmy Singleton, and spent 6d., att King's Arms, with Justice Longworth and others; thence home, where I stayed till nine; thence to Hen: Wayles to meet Just. Long—th, Will: Hesketh, and Cap. Veale. Stayd there till 12, but not one of ym came; spent 2s. in treating younge Batson and Tom Turnley; soe home.

Henry Wayles appears to have been the proprietor of one of the Inns in Lancaster.—Richard Longworth, of St. Michael's Hall, within Upper Rawcliffe, Esq., J.P., married Fleetwood, daughter of Henry Butler, of Rawcliffe, by Jane,

daughter of Thos. Stanley, of Great Eccleston, natural son of the Earl of Derby, and had issue a son, Edward Longworth, Esq., M.D., of St. Michael's Hall, in 1725, but afterwards of Penrith, in the county of Cumberland. This family was descended from Ralph Longworth, a younger son of Chris. Longworth, of Longworth, by Alice, daughter of Thos. Standish, of Duxbury, Esq. Ralph married Anne, daughter of Thos. Kitchen, and had issue Richard, of Upper Rawcliffe, who married Margt., daughter of Geo. Cumming, of Upper Rawcliffe; Robert, married Hellen Hudson (and had issue a son Richard), and Eliz., married first to Rich. Blackborne, and second to Thos. Bell, of Kirkland. Richard, the eldest son, had issue Ralph, who married Jane, daughter of Rich. Cross, of Cross Hall, Esq.; Thomas, born 1622, of St. Michael's Hall, in Upper Rawcliffe, who married Cicely, daughter of Mr. Nicholas Wilkinson, of Kirkland (and was the father of "Justice Longworth"); Lawrence; Christopher; Anne, married to Rich. Bond; Elizabeth, married to Mr. John Gradwell; and Katharine.—Dr. John Grimbaldeston, of Treales, died 3rd Nov., 1725, age 75 years.—Whinney Heys, in the township of Layton-with-Warbreck, was the seat of Edward Veale, Esq., acquired temp. Jac. I., by the marriage of Edw. Veale, of Methorpe, J.P., co. Lanc., with Ellen, daughter and co-heiress of John Massey, of Whinney Heys, Esq. Capt. Veale was a Justice of the Peace for the county of Lancaster, and died 11th Aug., 1723, aged 23 years.

April po.—Dined with High Sheriffe; in ye evening spent 6d. att Hen: Wayles; spent 2d. in coffy with Capt. Veale, and then went to Beardworth's, where I found Hugh Jonson. I treated him with a pint of ale and another off wine; soe to beed.

April 2.—Gave ye musick and 2 sheriffs 8s.; p^d^ pro stockings to a quaker woman 2s. 6d.; and then with the Sheriff homewards. Att my returne I went to ye King's Arms, and got my din^r^ with Bro^r^. We spent 1s. a pice in whitte wine, and as wee went thrugh ye Hall met with Just. Long—th, Capt^tt^ Veale, Just. Pearson, Franke Nickinson, and small L^d^ of Roshall. Wee were very merry upon ye small Lord, and spentt 1s. a pice in sack and whitwine, w^h^ elivated ye petite L^d^ that beffor hee wentt to beed hee tucke ye ffriedom off biting his man Sharocke thumb of just beyond ye nall. I found cos. W: W: att home.

The small Lord of Roshall was Edward Fleetwood, Esq., of Rossall Hall, born 13th January, 1682, son and heir of Richard Fleetwood, by Margaret, daughter and heiress of Edward Fleetwood, of Leyland. He married Sarah, youngest daughter of John Veale, of Whinney Heys, and sister and co-heiress of John Veale, clerk, and left a daughter Margaret, born in 1715, who married, in 1733, Roger Hesketh, Esq., of North Meols. Their son, born in 1738, succeeded to Rossall under the title of Fleetwood Hesketh, Esq., of Rossall, and was the grandfather of Sir Peter Hesketh Fleetwood, Bart., of Rossall Hall, High Sheriff of Lancashire in 1830, and M.P. for Preston from 1832 to 1841. In 1844 the Hall was converted into a public school, and is now known as Rossall College.

April 8.—Blessed bee the holly and undevided Trinity for ever more, for the mercyfull preserveing and bring mee to ye age off 55 years; Amen. Went to cos. W: W: to X. Gave Jane 2s. to bye a neck of veale, &c. Younge cos. Carus, his wife, 2 cos. Stanleys, and sist^r^ dined with me. In ye eivening went out with cos. W: W: Tucke ye old House in Lenard Gatte, of Thos. Gibson. Spent 2d. there; thence to Hen. Westby's; soe home.

"Cos" and "Bror" which often appear in the diary, are sometimes terms of relationship, but more frequently mere expressions of close friendship.—Cos. W: W: was William Westby, a Catholic priest, younger son of Francis Westby, Esq., of Myerscough, and brother of Thomas Westby, Esq., of Bourn Hall, who married Bridget, daughter of Thomas Clifton, of Lytham, Esq.—By "to X" the Diarist regularly records each occasion on which he goes to his duties, and he also gives the names of his confessors.—"Younge cos. Carus" was Thomas Carus, second son of Thomas Carus, Esq., of Halton Hall, near Lancaster, who was son and heir of Christopher Carus, and Mary his wife, daughter of Richard Stanley, of Great Eccleston Hall, Esq.—Thomas and Henry Stanley, were sons of Richard Stanley, of Great Eccleston Hall, whose mother, Frances, wife of Thomas Stanley, was daughter of Sir Thomas Tyldesley, Knt., and consequently aunt of the Diarist. These Stanleys were descended from Thomas Stanley, natural son of Henry, Earl of Derby, who setiled at Great Eccleston Hall, and married Mary, daughter of Robert Heaketh, of Rufford, Esq., relict of Richard Barton, of Barton, near Preston. His son, Richard Stanley, Esq., married Mary, daughter of Lambert Tyldesley, Esq., and sister and sole heiress of Thomas Tyldesley, of Garret. He was father of Thomas Stanley, who married the Diarist's aunt.—Anna Maria Tyldesley was the Diarist's sister.—Leonard Gate, formerly St. Leonard's Gate, is situated on the east side of Lancaster.

April 4.—Affter diner cos. Will Westby went home. P^d ffor this booke 1s. 9d.; in ye eivening p^d pro cockles ffor barelling 2s. 8d.; spent 2d. with Rob. Gibson and one Blackstone; thence to Beardsworth's; spent with him and Tom Backehouse 7d.; soe home.

April 5.—Alday in the toune. Gave Mrs., to bye provissions, 2s. 6d.

April 6.—Not well, and therffor alday in ye house. Honest Will Bracon came, and sat with mee 3 howers.

April 7.—Went to ye King's Armes; p^d pro a potte of chars and a barell off cockles caring to Orfford, 1s. 6d., and gave honest Tom Baddeley, Jo Matt's man, 2 pintts of ale; and spent one pint with Rob. Gibson and Amb^s Gillison. Spent 3d. att Hen. Wayles; thence home. In the eivening went with Mrs. and Nan T. to Beardsworth to a dansing m^r —one Mr. Powson. Gave him 5s. for part; spent 2d.; soe home.

Orford was the seat of Jonathan Blackburn, Esq.—Ambrose Gillison lived at Lancaster, and Robert Gibson was Recorder there for 25 years.—Nan Tyldesley was the Diarist's sister.

April 8.—Gave Tom Tayl^r 2s. 6d. to bye buttons ffor black coats, wast coat, &c. Went with Mr. Rob^tt Lawson to ye coffy house, and stayed ffrom 9 to twelve; soe home; bussy in my garden; 4 workmen; p^d 4d. ffor a lett^r. Went to see Will Bracon's mare, and the remand^r in my garden.

April 9.—Almorning in ye house. Affter din^r Jo Clarke came and satte with me 3 how^rs. In ye eivening I went to garden, and affterwards Mrs. and I went to see younge cos. Tom Carus and his wiffe.

April 10.—Went in the morning to ye Ridge, about ground. Bussy in my garden till darke, when I received Hen. Wayles ungratfull shitton lett^r^, ffor w^h^ —and sent him an answer. Gave Mrs. pro house uses 2s.

Hen: W: memordm

April 11.—In the morning went to Bro^r^ ffrost about Hen. Wayles lett^r^ wh. Bro^r^ F, affter hee reed, much wondered att, and came affter mee to ye town, went with mee to Hen. Wayles, and licke a true ffreind and a gentleman, tould Hen. W: his own; and tho^h^ Hen. W: pretended I neglected his house, w^h^ was a high crime in my sircomstance, y^tt^ I proved ffalce beffor Bro^r^ Fs. Spent then 2s. 6d.; thence with Bro^r^ Fs: to ye Record^rs^, where wee had some diversion in seeing 2 wimen and a man examoned as wagrents. I brought Bro^r^ Fs: to King's Armes. Spent 1s.; soe to beed.

Robert Gibson, Esq., Recorder of Lancaster, died at Appleby, in Westmorland, in 1731, aged 55 years. He was a very learned and able lawyer, and was brother to Charles Gibson, of Preston and Myerscough House (the latter estate being purchased about 1731), who married Frees., daughter of Ralph Asheton, of Laylam, Esq., and great grand daughter of Sir Ralph Assheton, Knt. He was grandfather of Charles Gibson, Esq., of Myerscough House, and Quernmore Park, who died in 1823. Robert Gibson, the Recorder, married Sarah, daughter of the Very Rev. Dean Coxe, D.D., and left two daughters, and eventually co-heiresses, Sarah, unmarried, and Anne, married to William Wickham, Esq., of Yorkshire.

April 12.—P^d^ pro wilkes 8d. Left Lan^r^ about one. Thence to Wildings, and soe to Preston. Spent 7d. at Tom Wayles; Mr. Parkinson with me; thence to Banister hall. Gave Mrs. 8s. 6d.

April 13.—Went in ye morning to Mr. Nevell, to pray^rs^, with Ned Winckley and prety ffamuly; post prandium—about 4—went towards Dunkenhall; meet Ralph Livesey.

Bannister Hall, in Walton-le-Dale, was the seat of Edward Winckley, gent. He sold the estate on the 1st Feb., 1738-9, and was buried at Walton, 24th Oct., 1742. The family obtained the property through the marriage of Thomas Winckley, of Billington, gent., with Rosamond, daughter of Edward, and sister, and eventually heiress, of Thomas Walmesley, of Banister Hall, gent., a junior branch of the Walmesleys, of Dunkenhalgh. Edw. Winckley was one of the founders of the Preston First Catholic Charitable Society.

April 14.—Alday att Dunkinhall. Had ye company off Sir Francis Andrews and Ned T:, when my Lord was with my Lady, wch was from 9 or 10 att night till din^r^ time always, and from 4 past prand^m^ till sup^r^ time commonly.

April 15.—Alday at Dunkinhall; about 8 in ye morning Sr Francis and Ned T: went towards Lan^r^. In the eivening, Doc^r^ Francis Weston, Tom Scotte, and Dick Tootall came.

April 16.—Att Dunkinhall all day. Tom Scott with mee; about 4, Doctr Francis W:, Dicke Tootall, & othrs went homewards.

April 17.—Gave ye servantts at Dunkinhall 11s., thus,—to Mr. Dun, 2s. 6d., to Mr. Cutler, 2s. 6d., to Ritchard, ye grome, 2s. 6d., to ye chambermade, 2s., to ye portr, 1s., and to Hen. Cutler, Lawrence Bror, 6d., as bootcatcher. Left Dunkinhall about 8. Mr. Foord, the bedmr, came with mee, within a mille of Banister Hall, where I dined; thence to Walton, to meet son, and Mr. Parkinson; but Ned T: did not come till past 4. Hee spent 2s. & 7d.; Will ffarington & Russell with us.

Dunkenhalgh was the residence of Robert,* Lord Petre, 7th Baron, brought into the family by his marriage with Catharine, daughter of Bartholomew, and only sister and heiress of Francis Walmsley, of Dunkenhalgh, Esq. The marriage took place on the 1st March, 1712. She was born on the 4th January, 1697, and died 31st January, 1785, having previously married second, in April, 1733, Charles, 14th Lord Stourton. Lord Petre died 22nd March, 1713. His mother was Mary, daughter and co-heiress of Sir Thomas Clifton, of Lytham, Bart. Whitaker says:—"The house of Dunkenhalgh, with the stables and offices, nearly surrounds a large quadrangle, with an arched and embattled gateway. From the style and appearance, great part of the building must have been erected by Sir Thomas Walmsley, the judge; but the south and part of the west side are of much higher antiquity."—Thomas Scott, of Wigan, gent., was a Catholic non-juror in 1715, and registered his estates of the annual value of £59 5s. 8d. He was the son and heir of Thomas Scott, of Wigan, gent., who married Elizabeth, sister and co-heiress of John Hudson, of Little Eccleston, whose ancestors were allied with the Ethelestons, of Elston, and Longworths, of St, Michaels. His Grandfather, Thomas Scott, was descended from Gilbert Scott, of Wigan and Pemberton, whose Inq. post mort. is dated 19th Jac. 1, (1621-2.) One of this family married Elizabeth, daughter of Cuth. Hesketh, of White Hill, in Goosnargh by his wife Jennet, daughter of John Parkinson, of Winney Clough.—Richard Tootel, of Wigan, was also a non-juror in 1715.—Will. Dunn was the butler of Dunkenhalgh.—The Diarist further on records the death of his man servant, Lawrence Cutler, who died on the 20th March, 1713.

April 18.—Alday at Banistr Hall. Gave Harmon Van Farmon 6d. to carry mee a lett to Sr Thomas, he belonging to ytt house.

April 19.—Left Banistr Hall about 9; came to Tom Wayles in Preston. Spent 1s., and pd 1s. 6d. pro collifflowr and savoy plants. Thence homewards; pd at hollings pro ale and brandi 1s., in company of Mr. Eliat and Will hornby. Affter my coming home sett all the plants. Test: Ned Malley. Gave ye servant at Bannister hall 8s.

Old Holly was a public-house in Cabus, near Garstang. It still exists, under the name of the Hamilton Arms; but is generally called "The Old Hollins."—Ned Mally was the Diarist's servant..

April 20.—Al day in ye house; not well.

April 21.—Went early towards Weninton. Spent in hornby 2d.; ffound 2 cos. Stanleys at Weninton. Stayed dinr and till 8; gave ye servant 1s.—soe hornby. Spent 8d, with Mr. foord, and Originall Rimington, it being

* Robably this was the Ld. Petre whose Name is affixed to 2 Pews in Samlesbury Church - (1880)

severe rane; soe a horse rasse in ye Hall field; thence home in angery ran. Went to Mr. Recordrs where I met Mr. Parkinson and consulted concerning an ansr to sister.

Wennington is a township in the parish of Melling, 3 miles N.N.E. of Hornby. Wennington Hall was sold by Francis Morley, Esq., in 1673, to the Marsdens, of Gisburn, county of York, who settled here for five generations. Henry Marsden, of Wennington Hall, was the father of John Marsden, the purchaser, in 1789, of the Castle, honor, and manor of Hornby. *(Baines' History of Lancashire.)* The Diarist would probably dine at the Hall, which was rebuilt in 1855, and is now a fine mansion in the Tudor style.—Hornby is an ancient market town and chapelry, nine miles N.E. of Lancaster.—Thomas and Henry Stanley were sons of Richard Stanley, of Great Eccleston Hall, by Anne, daughter and eventually co-heiress of Thomas Culcheth, of Culcheth, Esq.—Several mural tablets exist in Melling Church, belonging to the family of Remmington, of which "Originall Rimington" would be a member. Reginald Remmington, Esq., was living here in 1825.—Robert Parkinson was a solicitor practicing in Lancaster.—Some disagreement appears to have existed between the Diarist and his half sister, Catherine Tyldesley.

April 22.—Went to Book, to prayers. Came by the Rige, about taking a horse pastur; pd 4d. pro a letter; pd 6d. to John Knowles pro seeds bringin ffrom Brothr W. Spent 2d. with dito Knowles. Thence to ye Recordr, where sat 2 hours examoning the answr drawen by him, and in my oppinion very ffinely. Mr. Parkinson gave him 2 ginnys. Spent 6d with Mr. Parkinson and Doctr Hogson. Soe to beed.

The township of Bulk was anciently called Newton. Thomas, Earl of Lancaster, granted, temp. Edward II., to the priory of Lancaster, permission to inclose 60 acres of waste, adjoining to their close of *Rigge* in the *vill* of Newton, within the precinct of the forest of Lancaster. This farm is still called the *Ridge*. *(Baines' History of Lancashire.)*—Brother W. would probably be John Westby, Esq., of Mowbreck Hall, son and heir of Thomas Westby, of Bourn, Esq., by Bridget, daughter of Thomas Clifton, of Lytham, Esq.

April 23.—In the morning Mr. Parkinson came to see us, and pd my Mrs. 5 pounds. I went with him to Doctr Hogshon's, who gave us Maunton sherry. I dined with Mr. Parkinson att Beardsworth's, who pd ffor me. Thence wee went Hen. Wayles, where I gave in my answr beffor Mr. Richardson and Mr. Parkinson, who pd for ye ale, and I for ye wine, viz., 1s. Thence home.

April 24.—Almorning in the house. Mr. Madrell, a mankes macaret, and both apothecary, surgt, and attorney at home, dined with us. About 6 went to meet Mr. Benison at Hen: Wayles, where Mr. Madrell and Evan Williams came to us, ye skipr of ye ffrigot of 12 tuns; and about 9 when we should have gone home, came up Jack Thornton, who stayed us till 2. I pent 5s. 6d., and tucke skipr William home with mee.

April 25.—Almorning in the house; gave Evan Williams 8 duble botles to ffill with brandy. Gave him apice of beuff to take with him to Hand. Went to Mr. Benison and Tom Foster; but spent nothing.

Mr. Thomas Benison was a lawyer, and died at Lancaster, where he lived, in 1738. His daughter Anne, the wife of John Fenwick, of Burrow, Esq., spent a long widowhood at Hornby Hall, having lost her husband by a fall from his horse, while hunting, a few years after marriage. She died in 1777. She was the founder of the Catholic Mission at Hornby.—Thomas Foster, Esq., was recorder of the Mock Corporation of Walton, in 1714.

April 26.—Alday in the house, not very well. Mr. William Hornby brought mee his unkle's accounts, which hee would have sedulled p refferys, May Day.

Mr. William Hornby would be a nephew of Edmund Hornby, of Poulton and Scale Hall, gent.

April 27.—Went early to Natby. Stay^{d} din^{r}; Mrs. Green and oth^{r} being there. Gave y^{e} grome, John, 1s. Thence to Cockerham, where Bro^{r} ffrost gave mee a drame. Soe home; ffound cos. W: W: at Lan$_{r}$.

Nateby Hall, 2 miles west of Garstang, was a seat of the Leybourn family.—Mrs. Green, of Bowers House, in Nateby, relict of Richard Green, gent., was daughter of John Brockholes, Esq., of Claughton.—There was a chapel in Nateby Hall. On September 1st, 1687, Bishop Leyburn confirmed, at the residence of Urban Leyburn, Esq., 1,052 Catholics.—Cockerham is a village, township, and parish in the Hundred of Lonsdale (south of the Sands), 7 miles south of Lancaster.

April 28.—Went to X to cos. W: W. Old cos. Carus, her grandaug^{r} Mrs. Holden, and Mrs. Garswood dined with us. Cos. Will, about 3, went homewards. Mrs. and I went to Hen. Westby's garden. Thence to Mr. Robt. Lawson's. Gave Lau. 1s. 6d. to ffetch coalles with.

Old cos. Carus was Mary, relict of Christopher Carus, Esq., of Halton, and daughter of Richard Stanley, of Great Eccleston, Esq.

April 29.—Almorning in ye house. About 5 went into the toune. Spent 6d. at Hen. Wayles and 6d. with Bro^{r} Dalton.

April 30.—P^{d} pro silke, ffor a cap pro Mr. Parkinson, 8s. 6d. Alday in the house, affter I had been att Hen Wayles, ffor little Hebson would gladly have mee to gone to ye castle. Left Lan^{r} about 4 post prandium. Thence to Cockerham. Spent with Bo^{r} Frost and Cuddy Threlfall, at Josias Foxe's, 6d. Thence to Stirzaer, alnight.

Cuthbert Threlfall, of the Ashes, in Goosnargh, was the brother and successor of Edmund Threlfall, reputed to have been one of the most active agents in the supposed Lancashire Plot, who was slain by the party of militia sent to apprehend him. On his death, Cuthbert took out letters of administration, in 1690. In 1716, he was residing at Woodplumpton, near Preston, and registered his estates of the annual value of £31 12s. 6d., by which he escaped forfeiture. The Threlfalls, of the Ashes,

were once an influential Catholic family. *Trelefelt*, the tithing in which they lived, and from which they likely derived their name, is mentioned in *Domesday Book*.—(*Fishwick's Goosnargh.*) Cuthbert Threlfall's grandson and namesake died at Woodplumpton, 13th April, 1798, s.p. His sister Jane married James Smith, only son and heir of John Smith, of Hazleheads, by his wife Agnes, daughter of Richard Parkinson, of Hazlehurst, gent. Hazlehurst is in Bleasdale, about six miles east of Garstang. At the beginning of this century between 60 and 70 persons lived here, their employment being wool spinning. John Smith joined the Rebels in 1745, and after their defeat suffered imprisonment in Lancaster Castle.

May Primo.—Left Stirzacr about 8 in the morning; thence to Preston; but we did not—; the referrys al mett at dick Jackson's, but did not compleat the sedull, because all the debts were nott comen in, and partly because my good cos germond Dick Stanley would not consent my 2 2nd dougrs, tho theyr mothr brought above £700, wh made us all in confusion. Spent 8s. Thence to Banister hall, alnight.

Stanley Memd:

The Diarist's pecuniary resources proving inadequate to his debts, a meeting of creditors appears to have been called, in which Dick Stanley was adverse to an allowance being made to the Diarist's two daughters, Winefride and Agatha, the issue of his second marriage.

May 2.—Went early in the morning to Preston; stayed alday at Dick Jackson's watting of Mr. Blackborne, who came not till affter nine att night. Spent 8s. 6d.; thence to Banister hall.

Jonathan Blackburne, Esq., of Orford, was born in 1646, and died 25th February, 1724-5. He was the son of Thomas Blackburne, Esq., of Orford and Newton. The Blackburne family was of considerable importance, and held high offices in the county.

May 3.—Gave the servants at Banister Hall 8s. Thence to Preston. Spent 6d. at Preston, thence to ye cockes at Condre Green. Spent 8d. with Bror Dalton and Will Houghton; soe home.

Conder Green is situated a little to the N.E. of Glasson.—Thurnham Hall was purchased in the year 1556, by Robert Dalton, Esq., of Bispham, in the parish of Croston, Hundred of Leyland. By the marriage of Elizabeth, daughter and coheiress of Robert Dalton, who died in 1704, with Will. Hoghton, Esq., of Park Hall, it passed to their eldest son John, who, in 1710, assumed the surname and arms of Dalton. Will Houghton was a younger brother of "Brother Dalton."

May 4.—Leftt Lanr about ffive; pd 8d. ffor a shooe at Thurnham cocking, having lost one. Thence to Great Singleton to prayers, and ffrom thence to Litham to dinr, ffound Mr. Blackborne off Orford; stayed there 11 at night. Soe to ffox hall. Gave W: W: 1s.

May 5.—Left Fox hall about 11; thence to Polton. Dined at Mr. Hornby's, with Captt. Veale, &c. Gave little Jackey, Charlet, and Sara Roskeal 6d, as a ffaring. Spent 6 with Captt. Veale, Will Hesketh, and othrs at Tom Carttmell's. Thence to Stirzacr, alnight.

The Rev. John Swarbrick was at this time attending to the mission at Great Singleton. This chapel, dedicated to St. Mary, according to the Rev. W. Thornber (History of Blackpool), "having been deemed, at the Reformation, too insignificant to be wrested from the Romanists, it remained in their hands until the year 1745, when, on the suppression of the rebellion of this year, the Protestants of the village celebrated the fifth of November with greater zeal than usual, raising contributions of peats at every door, and, among the rest, at the priest's. The refusal of his housekeeper so enraged the people, that, with one Rich. Seckington at their head, they ejected the priest both from his house and church. The lord of the manor seems to have laid hold on this circumstance as a proper occasion to convert it into a Protestant place of worship, permitting, however, the Romanists to erect another by subscription, in 1768, in which the ejected priest officiated till his death."—This account, however, evidently refers to a subsequent erection to the St. Mary's existing in the 10th year of the Duchy (1860–1), for the Charity Commissioners of Edw. VI., founded a "Stipendiary in the Chapelle of Syngleton, in Kirkham," July 11, 1562. Don Thomas Fieldhouse was "curate of Syngleton Chapel." In 1578, at the archiepiscopal visitation of the diocese of Chester, the record in the *Chester Presentments at York* is, concerning the curate of Syngleton, "Ther is not servyse done in due tyme He kepeth no hous nor releveth the poore. He is not diligent in visitinge the sycke. He doth not teach the Catechisme. There is no sermons. He churcheth fornycators without doinge any penaunce. He maketh a dengehill in the chapel yeard, and he hath lately kepte a typlinge hous and a nowty woman in it." This *Reformed* church was palpably no improvement on the Catholic one. In 1650, the chapel, spoken of by the Parliamentary Commissioners, was a "newly erected" building, which had been dedicated to St. Ann. Here, for a few years after 1651, the Rev. Cuthbert Harrison was minister. Like many other remote chapels, this fell into disuse after the Restoration, and is not mentioned by Bishop Gastrell, in 1720, among the dependencies of Kirkham. It was, in fact, converted into an Inn, long afterwards known as "Chapel House." Meanwhile, in 1745, the Protestants, as stated by Mr. Thornber, seized the Catholic Chapel and had it converted into a Protestant Church! Thus it continued until 1809, when it was rebuilt by Mr. Joseph Hornby, the new building being dedicated to St. Ann. This was rebuilt again in 1861, chiefly at the cost of the late T. Miller, Esq. The Catholic chapel, built in 1765, was restored in 1850, but ceased to exist about 1860, merging into the mission at Poulton. An interesting relic of the original chapel is now in the private chapel, at the residence of Miss Smith, in Broughton. It is a massive stone piscina, finely carved in the form of an oval shell.—Lytham Hall, at this time, was the residence of Thomas Clifton, Esq.—Fox Hall was the summer residence and hunting seat of the Diarist. "The house itself, not of such imposing appearance as to attract observation, yet surrounded with a thick stone wall, so firmly cemented together that time has made little or no impression upon it; on the extremity of a large waste, which, how much soever cultivation may have now altered its aspect, seemed at that time to forbid a stranger's approach; a rough sea on the west; on the east a pool, marked in the old maps as being one half mile in breadth, now converted to the purposes of agriculture; the country on the south, guarded by a stream, which runs into the sea, at that time forming a swamp; these peculiarities rendered this little retreat a fortification, accessible only on the north; while to guard against sudden surprises from that quarter, there was a kind of tower, which commanded a good look out on the top of the house, covered with lead, and gained from within by a staircase; but for still further security, the walls abounded with hiding places, called 'priest holes,' and secret communications. It contained four or five rooms on each storey; in one wing, called the chapel end, now a dwelling-house, divine service was regularly performed by a priest."—*Thornber's Blackpool.* Enclosed within the walls, there was a bee garden, a bowling green, and a kitchen garden, in the last of which grew an old fig-tree.—"W: W:" or the Rev. Wm. Westby, probably served the chapel at Fox Hall.—In country places, particularly in the north-western parts of England, presents, whatever they may consist of, when brought from fairs, are called "fairings."—Edmund Hornby, of Poulton-le-Fylde, and Scale Hall, near Lancaster, married Dorothy, daughter of Geoffrey Rishton, of Antley, co. Lanc., M.P. for Preston.—Tom Cartmell was engaged in the Rebellion of 1715, was executed at Garstang, 14th Feb., 1716, and was buried at Churchtown.

FOXHALL 50 YEARS AGO.

May 6.—Went early to Sollom, a ffox hunting, to meet Bros. Dalton and ffrost; ffound 2 ffoxes, but could get nether off them into ye earth. Bro^r^ Dalton and I spent 8d. each att John Stirzacr's; Mr. Tay^r^ with us. Thence to Mr. Sherborn's, where wee gott our din^r^. Bro^r^ Frost and Cuddy Threlfall came to us. I gave the servantt 6d. Thence to Garstange, with dito company. Spent 6d. at Mrs. Bessley's, but Mr. Muncaster treated us att Betty Wakeffeild's one; and I p^d^ 6d. pro drinke Bro^r^ Frost and I had with Whalley ye carrior. Wee parted about 7; but att John Corley's door old cos Tom Goose, cos Wadsworth, Mr. Plesington, and younge cos Tom Goose, with Will Bolton, stayed us till 9. Wee spent 1s. each; and p^d^ pro younge cos Tom; thence to Stirzacr.

Sollom, now called Sullam, is the name of a hill near Claughton Hall. Fifty years ago there was an annual toy fair on its summit.—"Mr. Sherborn's" may refer to Stonyhurst, the seat of Sir Nicholas Sherburn, created a Baronet in 1685. He died in 1717, and was the last male representative of the family. We know of no other Sherburn living in this neighbourhood at this period.—Roger Muncaster, of Garstang, attorney-at-law, joined the Rebels, in 1715, and was taken prisoner, tried at Liverpool, and executed at Preston, 28th January, 1716. He was a Protestant.—John Corles, of Ellel, yeoman, was one of the purchasers of the inheritance of the manor of Forton about 1667.—Thomas Goose, of Catterall, was a non-juror in 1716.—Joseph Wadsworth, of Catterall, gent., was engaged in the rebellion in 1715, was tried 24th January, and executed at Garstang, 14th February, 1716.—Mr. Plessington, of Dimples Hall, near Garstang, was the descendant of an ancient family long seated at Dimples, and a branch of the Plessingtons, of Plessington.—Thomas Goose, or Gorse, junior, of Catterall, was taken prisoner in the Rebellion, tried 24th January, and executed at Garstang, 14th February, 1716. The following is extracted from the register of burials at Garstang, February, 1716, 14th day:—"Mr. Joseph Wadsworth and Thomas Gorse, of Catterall, and Thomas Cartmell, of Garstang, Rebels." These three appear to have been buried in one grave on the N.E. side of the church.

May 7.—Left Stirzacr about 8; thence to Preston, where the 4 refferys meet, and sedulled all the debts, and signed ye deed, & I signed, but my son was not there. Stanley—Dicke—very bitter against my two poor girlles, and declared he would bee hanged beffor they had one penny allowed; yet my honest and never to be forgotten true frend Winckley, with much art and sence, soe perswaded the othe^r^ refferys that the slaving pupy was compelled to consent to a small allowance to be sedulled—viz: £100 each. I p^d^ all, wch came to 9s. Satte with dear N^d^ Winckley & Mr. Parkinson till almost 12. Spent my 6d.; they did ye licke; thence to ffox hall.

Stanley Dickes gratitude for my service to him att Chester. 1688.

The Diarist's service to Dick Stanley must refer to the Revolution of 1688, when the gallant old cavalier, Caryl, Viscount Molyneux, took possession of Chester, with his Lancashire regiment, and held it for a few days. He was obliged to give it up, however; there being no response anywhere else in Lancashire or Cheshire.

May 8.—Alday att Fox hall; p^d^ 6d. pro milke and butte^r^ pro man and mee.

May 9.—Almorning att ffox hall, busy gardening. About 6 went to Carlton and Polton. Spent with Dick Kellett at Tom Cartmell's 4d.; soe to Fox hall.

May 10.—Alday att Fox hall, busy in my garden. P[d] Will, the Maynes gardener, pro 8 days, 1s. 6d.; soe I went to beed.

Carleton (Great) is a village one mile W. of Poulton.—"Will" was Mr. Hesketh's gardener, at Maynes Hall.

May 11.—Left fox hall about 5 in the morning; pray[d] and dined att Thurnham; thence to Lan[r]; in my way spent 6d. with Will, the Fowller, at y[e] cockes; soe home.

May 12.—Affter din[r] spent 6[d] with Bro[r] Peninton and Ducke Penny, and about 7 sett fforwards ffor ffox hall.

May 13.—About 8 in y[e] morning went over Ribble, to Ormskirke race, whire were a greatt company off the best in y[e] County; p[d] pro meat and drinke pro man and selfe, 1s. 6d., and then went back with Ned Winckley to Banister hall; but spent per viam att Bancke bowling house, 1s.

May 14.—Afftir din[r] went with Ned W to see his coult a Whitle-house; and so back to Ban[r] hall, and ffrom thence to y[e] Low[r] Hall, where wee suped; gave ye grome 1s.; thence back to Banister Hall.

The Diarist would cross the river, by the old ford, from Warton to Heaketh Bank.—Lower Hall, in Samlesbury, was sold in the reign of James I. by Thomas Southworth, Esq., to Sir Thomas Walmesley, of Dunkenhalgh, and is now the property of Edward Petre, Esq., a descendant of the Walmesleys.

May 15.—Gave the servantts at Ban[r] hall 8s., thence with Ned W to Preston; stay[d] 8 how[rs] att Dicke Whitle's. Ned W brought mee £10 ffrom Mr. Parkinson; p[d] 1s. 6d. pro ale and 1s pro 40 coll. flow[r] plants to honest George Threlfall; thence to Mowbrick to diner, and affter cos. Will W went home with mee in ord[r] to get a dis off ffowell; p[d] pro shot and powd[r] 20d.

Over the W (for Winckley), the Diarist puts a crown. This is apparently a mark of great esteem and respect, as in like manner a cross, which he puts over the same letter, signifies the vocation of the Rev. Will. Westby.—Mowbreck Hall, in the township of Medlar-with-Wesham, the old residence of the Westbyes, was in 1835 occupied by a farmer. It is a fine old brick mansion, with a Catholic chapel attached. This ancient chapel was superseded, in 1809, by the one at the Willows, a little to the west of Kirkham, which was replaced in 1845 by the handsome gothic church, near the same site, dedicated to St. John.

May 16.—In the morning went round the commone a ffowling, and Franke Mally, Jo. Hull, and Ned Mally, shoot 12 times ffor one poor twe-wittee; came home; ffound Cos. W: W: better, who had been very bad

all morning in ye gravell or stone; affter din^r^ hee went with mee to Thornton Marsh, where wee had but bad suckses; tho^e^ wee killed ffive or 6 head of fowle; soe home.

Frank was Ned Mally's brother.—Thornton is 1¼ mile N. of Poulton. The northern part of this large township forms a peninsula, on the E. of which is the estuary of the Wyre, and on the N. and W. the Irish Channel. Thornton Marsh was enclosed in 1800 by Bold Fleetwood Hesketh, Esq. It was formerly a free open pasture, on which the farmer and cottager drove their cattle, geese, &c. Cultivation has since brought this alluvial tract into valuable property. In the year 1836, the first houses in the present flourishing town of Fleetwood, in this township, which had been projected by Sir Peter Hesketh Fleetwood, Bart., were built by a stonemason named Parker.

May 17.—Left ffox hall about 11. Gave Charlet 1s.; p^d^ pro butt^r^ and 2 chickens 1s.; gave Sara 2s. to bye chickens; p^d^ Fog: for riding my young horse 8s.; gave Lawrence 1s.; p^d^ for 5 chickens att Pilling bridge; p^d^ John Butcher pro the use of his barn at Bispham 20s.; spent 6d. at Clarke's; soe to Hackinsall, where Robt. Hull and his good wiffe made very much of mee, and gave mee all the pidgeons ready ffor taking, viz., 4; thence to Cockerham; gave Thos. Preston, my Ld Haversham's stuard, 5s., pro his sivillity; spent 6d. with Bro^r^ ffrost; thence to Lan^r^.

Charlotte and Sarah Roskell kept house for the Diarist, at his hunting seat.—Pilling is a township 7 miles W. of Garstang, in order to reach which, from Fox Hall, the Diarist would have to cross the Wyre by the ford, called Shard, anciently Aldwath. A bridge was built here in 1864.—Bispham is a village, township, and parish, 2 miles W. of Poulton-le-Fylde.—Hackinsall-with-Preesall is a township, 7¼ miles N. of Poulton. The Manor of Hackinsall, after being successively the property of the Sherburnes, Pickerings, and Butlers, passed by marriage, in 1650, to William Fyffe, Esq., M.D., of Wedacre Hall, J.P., co. Lancashire, by whom it was sold to the Fleetwoods. From a deed, in our possession, by Sir Paul Fleetwood, of Rossal, Knt., dated 2 Mar., 1653, it appears that his younger son, Francis Fleetwood, who married Mary, daughter of Charles Foster, of Hackinsall, was then living here.

May 18.—Alday, till 7, in the house; then went to Hen Wayles; spent with younge Cap^tt^ Rigby and Will Walker 8d.; soe to beed.

Captain Rigby would be a son of Charles Rigby, Esq., J.P., of Lancaster, who was a younger son of Edward Rigby, youngest son of Baron Rigby, of Middleton.—William Walker, of Aldcliffe, was a Catholic non-juror in 1715.

May 19.—Aboutt 11 went to gett my young cockin colt docked and shooed; p^d^ 6d. pro a tankard of ale, as colt monys; met Bro^r^ Dalton and ffrost att King's Armes, where I dined; spent one shilling; thence to the March yeat; p^d^ £1 5s. 0d. po 2 marsh gattes, and p^d^ 5s. ffor ye Marsh keep^rs^ use; spent 6d. at King's Armes, with Bro^rs^ Dalton and ffrost, with Doct^r^ Hogshan; after went with Bro^r^ Dalton to ye Record^rs^, where Bro^r^ Penington meet us; parted about 8; soe home.

John Dalton, of Thurnham, Esq., was said to have joined the rebels at Kirkby Lonsdale, but most probably at Lancaster, in 1715. He was taken prisoner, escorted to London, and found guilty, but pardoned. His estates were forfeited but redeemed, by paying the Government £6,000.—*(Lancashire Memorials)*. His great grandfather, Thomas Dalton, a most enterprising, gallant, and intrepid cavalier, on the breaking out of the civil wars raised, at his own expense, a regiment of horse, to support the cause of Royalty. He died on the 2nd November, 1643, from wounds received at the second battle of Newbury.

May 20.—P^d pro a lett^r 4d. About 11 I went to walke with Bro^r Penington, but home to din^r; meet about 3 at Hen: Wayles, where wee spent 3s. 6d. each; so home. About 10, Bro^r ffrost came with Cuddy Thr—fall, and stayed alnight with mee.

pd him ye sd gover £1 1s. 0d.

May 21.—Affter din^r, according to invitation, Bro^rs Peninton, ffrost, and I went to Crooke, to keep Bro^r Dalton's birthday, but tuched neth^r meat nor drinke, and all wee had ffor our journey was to see two poor fflookes taken in ye Laske hole; att length Mr. Dalton came, who offered to goe with us to Cond^r Green, where hee gave us leave to pay each 1s., beeing ye sum dranke; gave Mrs. 5s. to bye sug^r &c.

Crook was the name of a moss between Cockersand Abbey and Glasson, near which is Conder Green.

May 22.—Gave Mrs. 8s. to by turf, colles, &c.; alday in town, with Bro^r Penington, till near seven; spent with him, att Bridge End, 6d.; and att Jo: Fell's 6d; thence with him to Halton, where wee meet Mr. Simpon, his lady, and two doug^rs; thence to Hornby, where I spent 1s. 6d.; thence to Kirkby Launsdalle, where Bro^r Pen——on treated George Carus, ye unkle, and mee; affter hee went I spent 2s. 6d., att Will Mansser's; soe to Lan^r, beeing ffryday; and after planting some coll flow^rs and pumpions went to beed.

Halton Hall, 2½ N.N.E. of Lancaster, a plain spacious mansion, with a centre, two wings, and transome windows, was built by one of the last of the Carus family, on the site of the old manorial residence of the Dacres. Halton was sold, and conveyed, in 1583 (the conveyance being still extant), by Philip, Earl of Arundel, and Lady Ann, his wife, one of the daughters of Thomas, Lord Dacre, to Christopher Carus, Esq., afterwards Sir Christopher Carus, who died seized of the manor and advowson of Halton, in 9th Charles I (1633). His descendants, the "Cousins Carus," so often referred to in the Diary, took part in the rebellion of 1715, and lost, in consequence, the Manor of Halton, which was seized, in 1718, by the Commissioners to inquire into the forfeited estates of certain traitors, and under this commission was sold to William Bradshaw, in 1743, by Thomas Carus, of Halton Hall, Esq. Mr. Bradshaw devised it to William Bradshaw Fletcher, son of his niece Sarah, wife of the Rev. Robert Fletcher, who assumed the name of Bradshaw. He was succeeded by his son, Robert Fletcher Bradshaw, Esq., at the instance of whose trustee the manor, advowson, and estates of Halton were sold in thirty-three lots. Halton Hall is now the property of Major Whitle.—George Carus was a non-juror in 1716, and he returned an annuity out of Halton, Skerton, &c., of the value of £30.—Kirkby Lonsdale is in Westmoreland.

May 24.—Went to Cockerham, a ffishing, and to see Bro^r Frost; spent 1s. with Bro^r Frost, Mr. Salle, and oth^rs; honest Cuddy Thr-fall being there; thence home.

May 25.—Alday in the house, till 8 at night, when I went with Bro^r ffrost as ffar as Bolton.

Bolton-le-Sands is 4 miles N. of Lancaster.

May 26.—Afftur din^r cos Tom Walton came to see us. Mrs. and I went to Robt. Parkinson, to see his lady.

Thomas Walton, of Winder, who joined the rebels in 1715, was the son of Thomas Walton, of Walton-le-Dale, gent., who was living in 1682. One of this family, Thomas Walton, of Walton-le-Dale, married Priscilla, daughter and heiress of John Cottam, of Tarnaker, *vixit. visit.*, 1613.

May 27.—Went in the morning to Mr. Backhouse office, with Alderman Gardn^r, about Ned Mally's sute with Blenkeard; spent 2d.; soe home. The remand^r of ye day busy in ye garden.

May 28.—Went early in the morning with Mrs. to Houme, in Westmorland, to see Bro^r and sist^r ffrost, where wee ffound they^r unkle, a very odd miserable ffellow and his house as prop^r ffor ye person as the stye is ffor ye beast; my bro^r came back with us to Burton where hee treated us very generously; honest cos Barton beeing with us. Thence wee set homewards, and Tom Slater killed a ffine hare in our way; spent 1s.

Holme is a township and village, 2 miles N. of Burton, in Westmoreland, which is commonly called Burton-in-Kendal, a market town and parish.

May 29.—Assention day; p^d pro brandy and sweet soap 7d.; p^d Tom Kew 10s.; gave Mrs. 1s. and p^d James Proct^r's wife 2s. 6d. pro chees. It beeing Bro^r ffrost birthday, hee treated us at Hen: Wayles and Sun generously with two morning droughts; hee dined with mee, and about 3 brought him a litle out of ye toun; but raning turned back agane.

The "Sun" was the sign of an inn in Lancaster.

May 30.—Dine^d with Doct^r Farington, att Bro^r ffrost; thence I went with him & Mr. Ion to ye New hollings; stay^d an hour; and thence to Fox hall. Gave Mr. Mugall 2s. 6d. pro my man's horseing.

Valentine Farrington, Esq., M.D., of Preston, was a younger son of George Farrington, Esq., of Worden, and was Mayor of the Mock Corporation of Walton in 1712, and held the office of physician to the Corporation for several years.—New Hollins, or New Hollys, was the name of an inn in Forton.

May 31.—Went to ye Hays to see a race betwixt Mr. Harper's mare and Saderson's; meet a greatt deall of good company, but spent noe thing; my

cos. W: W: with me, who had been alnight with me; affter ye race went to Litham; stayed there 2 hours; thence backe to ffox hall.

Layton Hawes, or Hayes, on the south of Blackpool, is a portion of the joint township of Layton-with-Warbrick, two and a half miles S.W. of Poulton. A profered grant of Layton Hawes was one material cause of inducing the Tyldesleys to erect Fox Hall, which is in this township; but the Hawes never became their property, for Charles, ever ungrateful, neglected to fulfil the promises made to his friends in his adversity.

June primo.—Went to Mains, to prayers; thence with Jack Westby to Burn, to diner; stayed till 4; thence to Whinneyheys; stayed till 9; soe home.

Maynes Hall, situated in the Manor of Little Singleton, on the banks of the Wyre, a mile and a half from Poulton, was the seat of the Hesketh, an ancient Catholic family originally descended from the Hesketh of Rufford. It is now the property of Thomas Fitzherbert Brockholes, Esq., of Claughton Hall. The Maynes, which is hardly perceptible from the Poulton and Great Eccleston road, is approached through an ordinary field gate, opening into what at one time was a long carriage drive, but now little better than a disused cart-road, covered with weed, leading over two fields to the ancient gates and railing in front of the house. Thornber says:—"The hall was built in the form of a quadrangle, the kitchen, offices, &c., being on the left, and the chapel, &c., on the right. The kitchen department, taken down some years ago, was the most venerable part of the mansion. It was roofed with tiles, of the size of a man's hand, heaped thickly one upon another. Within were discovered hiding places, one near the mantel-piece, and another, the entrance to which had been so ingeniously contrived as to escape the knowledge of the occupiers, was discovered by accident. It lay beneath the floor of an upper room, and was entered by a ladder; at the bottom were manifest tokens of its having been occupied. The present building is of a more modern construction." The outside walls of the old chapel have the date and initials "T. H. 1686" upon them. Further on, the historian of Blackpool gives a melancholy description of the lamentable state he found the hall in when he visited it in 1837, and although many of the interesting relics, which then lay scattered about and neglected, are now carefully preserved at Claughton, still the old chapel is in the same dilapidated condition, the outbuildings are tumbling down, the Vandals of the present age have covered the walls of the interior with modern decoration, and only a gamekeeper and his wife now live at the place.—Burn Hall, in Thornton township, a seat of John Westby, Esq., of Mowbreck, is a dwelling of the fifteenth century, now used as a farm house, and the domestic chapel attached to it, which formerly had a fine carved wooden wainscoting, which was mercilessly destroyed to get rid of rats, is converted to farm-yard uses. Burn Hall preserves the old name of the *Brune* of Domesday, usually allocated to Bryning, which is, however, too far away. Thornber thus describes the chapel:—"Within their residence of Burn, was a domestic chapel, in perfect preservation, a few years ago, but barbarous hands have now entirely demolished the oaken wainscoat, carved with shields, small statues, and foliage, in order to preserve the cheese room, into which the apartment had been converted, from the inroads of rats; and nothing now remains to denote its former beauty and use but the ceiling, ornamented with vine leaves and clusters of grapes, and an inscription graven in old characters on an oaken slab, which once had its position over the portal, but is now rudely nailed above the mantle piece. "*Elegi abjectus esse in domo dei mei, magis quam habitare in tabernaculis peccatorum.*"—John Westby, who was the son of Thomas Westby, of Bourn, Esq., by Bridget, daughter of Thos. Clifton, of Lytham and Westby, Esq., married at Poulton, 10 Feb., 1688, Jane, daughter of Alexander Parker, of Bradkirk Hall, Esq., and left issue four daughters and co-heiresses,—Catherine, married to Alexander Osbaldeston, of Sunderland Hall, Esq.; Bridget, married to William Shuttleworth, of Turnover Hall, Esq.; Mary, married to the Rev. Thomas Alderson; and Ann, married to the Rev. J. Bennison, of London. Of these daughters it is rather

remarkable that Mary and Ann, being educated in the Roman Catholic faith, married two Protestant divines; the other two, Catherine and Bridget, brought up by their mother according to the Reformed religion, married Catholics. Part of the family estates was now sold; Burn Hall passed to the Bennisons, and her mother's property in Mowbreck was carried in marriage by Margaret, daughter and heiress of William Shuttleworth, of Turnover Hall, Esq., to her kinsman, Thomas Westby, Esq., of Upper Rawcliffe, or White Hall. By this marriage the estates of the elder and younger branches were united, and descended together.

June 2.—Gave Ned Mally 1s.; sent him to Banister hall about business; were much out of order with a could; alday in beed till 7 att night.

June 3.—Gave Ned Mally 2s. 6d. to get the horses shooed; all morning in beed; Dick Kellet came to see mee; in the afftternoon went to Mowbrick; and at Staning, in my returne, spent 2s. with Nicolas, the miller, and James Salthouse, about seting y^{tt} barne; soe to ffox hall.

Staining is a small village in the township of Hardhorn-with-Newton, 2 miles from Poulton.

June 4.—Gave Charlet 1s.; p^{d} 4d. to Tom Ordds pro shaveing; thence to Cos. Leconby's; met cos. Will W:; thence to Justice Longworth's about Wilding's business, and to Stirzacr at night.

William Leckonby, Esq., of Leckonby House, Great Eccleston, and the demesne of Elswick, was a Catholic non-juror in 1716, returning £79 11s. 6d. His will is dated 20 Feb., 1728. He was buried at St. Michael's, on the 24th Feb., in the same year. He married Anne, daughter of Thos. Hothersall, of Hothersall Hall, Esq., and co-heiress of her brother, John Hothersall, Esq.—Stirzacre House is situated on the south side of the Calder, between the canal and the Preston and Garstang high-road, and is in the township of Claughton. It has evidently been a house of some pretentions, and is approached by a long drive ornamented with trees.

Starzaker Hall, now a farm House.

June 5.—Went early in the morning a ffox hunting, with cos Wadsworth, to meet Mr. Penket, and ffound a ffox, but could not holle him; afterwards went to Garstange, spent 6d. with him, Tom Barton, and others. Honest Ben Corney borrowed ffor mee £10; p^{d} Corles 8s. 6d. pro. bond, &c.; spent 1s.; thence to Lan^{r}; but called at Cockerham.

The Rev. Richard Penketh, or Pencoth, S.J., was the missioner at the Lawnd, as the Lodge of Leagram, or Laithgryme Park, was then called, and his burial is recorded in the register at Chipping Church—"Richard Pencoth, a Popish priest, buried 7th August, 1721, of Chipping Lawnd." The oldest chapel, at Leagram, of which there is any knowledge, and of which there have been any remains found, stood on the high ground at the north-western extremity of the court-yard of The Lawnd. One old man, now living, aged 83, remembers it in ruins when he was a boy; it was very small, and the walls were of great thickness, as was evident by the foundations, when laid bare two years since. This chapel would be in use at, and after the time, of Richard Sherburne's foundation, in the reign of James II. About 1787, Thomas Weld, Esq., erected a larger one on the site of the west wing of the old mansion, 60 ft. in length, 25 ft. in width, with five long round-headed windows on one side; the inside being very plain, and the exterior more so. This chapel again proving too small for the growing wants of the congregation, shortly after the late Mr. Weld and his family came to reside at Leagram, a site was granted, with some land,

by him, adjoining Chipping village, and a large chapel and a priest's house were erected thereon, and opened for public worship in 1827. The old chapel at the hall continued to be made use of for some years as a domestic chapel, but it eventually fell out of repair, a large portion of it was taken down, and the present Gothic chapel erected in its place.

June 6.—Gave Mrs. £3 0s. 0d., viz., £2 0s. 0d. to pay Mr. Walbanke, 20s. to send to London; gave her 1s., and gave a boy 6d. that brought my colt ffrom Thurnham. Cos. Walton and Lady came to see us.

June 7.—Sent Lawrence to ffox hall; gave him £2 12s. 6d. to pay ye maltster att Skipall pro making my malte; p^d^ Mrs. 2s. 6d., p^d^ pro ffish 1s., pro meat 8s.; and affter din^r^ went with cos Walton to bowle with old Beamont. I spent 10d. att bowling-green house with 4 grubcatchers and Tom Walton, and Jo: Styeth, and ffrom thence to Hen Wayles; spent 9s.; soe to beed.

The houses, maltkilns, and warehouses, called Skippool, etymologically *skiff-pool*, are about a mile below the town of Poulton, where the skip-pool, a rivulet springing from Marton Mere, and running east of Poulton, enters the Wyre. The Spen-dyke has its rise principally from Marton Moss, and, draining the mosses, enters the sea near Fox Hall.—"Grubcatchers," was a word which in these days has its equivalent in "Spongers."

June 8.—Went with two cos Waltons to Aldcliffe, to prayers, and after din^r^ they went home; brought them to Hurst banke; p^d^ 3d pro a letter.

Hurst (Hest) Bank used to be well known as the last group of houses passed by travellers before they entered upon the long and perilous sands from the Lancaster side of Morecambe Bay. Slyne-with-Hest forms one manor, and has always appertained to the duchy. The survey of 1320-46 (Chet. ser. lxxiv p. 63), gives the tenure thus:—"Estline: Thomas de Walton, two parts, and Alice de Slene holds three parts of one carucate of land in Estline by serjeantry, reaping, and carpentry, &c."; and "Hest: The prior of Cartmel holds one messuage and ten acres of land in Hest; four tenants of Hest hold four bovates of land of the escheat of the lord, by the sister of the late Thomas de Hest." This part of the survey is dated 1346. The *Testa de Nevill* contains two inquisitions relating to this place: The Saxon Adam, the son of Gillemighel (Gillomichael), of Scline, held half a carucate of land by the service of being King's carpenter in Lancaster Castle; and Gilmuth, son of Godwin, half a carucate in the King's hand in Sline; and William de Hest, who had one carucate in Midelton, held half a carucate in Hest, for which he had the King's charter.

June 9.—Went to Thurnham, Cockerham, and Pilling, where cos Spen^r^ was at Will Bell's keeping a court. I went to wate on him and dine with him. Afterwards went to ffor^n^ Gren, to a cocking; spent with Bro^r^ ffrost and Mr. William Richardson there, 1s.; thence back to Will Bell's, and with cos. Spencer and company to Cockerham and Lan^r^.

Forton Green is in the southern part of the township of Forton, near to the Old Hollings; and here the Diarist seems to have attended a cock fight—an "entertainment" which, even at the beginning of the present century, was much in fashion.

June 10.—Went to Thurnham with Mrs., and thence I went to Cock-ham; dined with Bro^{r} ffrost, and stayed ffishing with him till affter seven; the Snapes went back to Thurnham; suped there; gave the boy 6d.; soe home.

June 11.—After dinner went to Bro^{r} ffrost, when I found him, Mr. Winter, and Mr. Baget, ffishing Cocker; wee suped, on the ffish, att ffoxe's; spent 6d.; soe to beed, at the hall.

June 12.—Gave Ned Malley 4s. to by a skin ffor boots; gave 3s. in the house; soe to Lan^{r}, with Bro^{r} ffrost, were wee meet his lady and sist^{r} Betty; stay^{d} at Tho. Marshall's 3 hours; soe home.

The Rev. John Winter was the Vicar of Cockerham, and the Rev. Alexander Bagott, A.M., was presented, on Oct. 26, 1713, to the Vicarage of Urswick, by a majority of the votes of the inhabitants. He was chaplain to the Mock Corporation of Walton, in 1718–19–20.—The River Cocker, which Harrison says, "from its shortnesse deserveth no description," is the principal watercourse of the district, and issues from the hills above Ellel Chapel. Running by Holleth and Forton, it bounds the township and manor of Cockerham on the south, widening into an estuary terminating at the mouth of the Lune, from which it is separated by a long strip of land, which forms the site of the ruins of Cockersand Abbey. Although Harrison does not appear to care much for the Cocker, old Drayton thinks the stream worth a kindly allusion: He says—

> Where Coker, a coy nymph, that derely seems to shun
> All popular applause, who from her chrystal head,
> In Wyersdal, where near Wyre is her fountain fed.

—"Sister Betty" was Mrs. Tyldesley's half sister.

June 13.—Gave Mrs. 6^{d} to bye soop with; affter din^{r} wentt with her to Halton, to see two cos. Blundells, where I stayed till past nine; thence home; gave ye boy 6^{d}.

The Diarist's two cousin Blundells, were the sons of Henry Blundell, Esq., of Ince Blundell, by Bridget, daughter of Sir Thos. Tyldesley, knight. Robert Blundell, Esq., who succeeded his father to Ince Blundell, ob. 5 Aug. 1763, aet. 78. He married 1st., Catherine, daughter of Sir Rowland Stanley, of Hooton, Bart., and 2nd., Margaret daughter of Hugh Anderton, Esq., of Euxton, and was succeeded in Lydiate and Lostock, by Henry Blundell, Esq., who married Elizabeth daughter of Sir George Mostyn, of Talacre, in Flintshire, Bart.

June 14.—p^{d} 8d pro a cow drinke pro Morhould, viz., 2d of dracon's blood, and one of bolarorericheh, wch was mixt with about 8 spoonffull of juce of bracons, and give in a quart of spring watt^{r}. Spent 2d at Amb^{rs} Gillison's mother's; p^{d} 1s 6d por meat, and gave Mrs. 2s 6d, and gave Tom Tay^{rs} men 6d to drinke; in the evening spent with Mr. Tho. Shearson, at Marg^{t} Broun's, 5d; soe to beed.

Thos. Shearson, Esq., barrister-at-law, J.P., co. Lancaster, resided at Ellel Craig, near Lancaster.

June 15.—Almorning in the house; Willy Bracon dined with mee; affter dinr Denny, ye tallr, tucke messur of mee pro a frocke; pd him 2s. to by things; thence I went to Thurnham and Cockerham with Bror Dalton and Will Houghton; spent 8d. with them, Bror Frost, Wintr, Mr. Saule, & Baget; soe to Lanr.

By a "frocke" the Diarist means a frock coat.

June 16.—Left Lanr about one in ye morning, and sistr and Mrs., in a callash; gave Jane 1s. to bye kandles; thence to ye Shard; stoped with flood 2 hours; spent but 6d., and thence to Polton; spent 6d. at John Jonson's, and pd pro chickens & duckes 2s. 7d.; soe to Fox hall, in great paine.

June 17.—Alday att ffox Hall, till the eivening, when sistr and Mrs., about 4, went to wate on my Lady Peters, and I went to Rogrs to meet my Lord and company about the messuring ye horses to run nextt day, viz.: Sr Fras Andrew's gray, 14 halfe; younge Lord's gray, 14; Mr. Harper's gray mare, 14 & an inch; Jem: Singleton's, bate off 14; and old Fenick, 14, son's. Affter my Ld went back stayed with son, Jem: S:, and younge Lord, & spent 1s.; soe to ffox hall; gave Mrs. 2s, to bye provission with.

Lord and Lady Peter were the guests of Thomas Clifton, Esq., of Lytham, who married Eleanor-Alathea, daughter of Richard Walmesley, of Dunkenhalgh, Esq. Thomas Clifton succeeded his uncle, Sir Thomas Clifton, Bart., in the estates, whose eldest daughter, married Thomas, 6th Lord Petre.—Old Fenwick belonged to Edward Tyldesley, the Diarist's son.

June 18.—Went to Litham to dinner; thence to ye raice; won 10s. of Sr Francis Andrews, but Jem: Singlton treated all, soe I spent nothing, only gave Dick Osboldeston's man one shilling, pro riding old ffenicke well, who bette 8 off ym; Will Hesketh and younge Mr. Whitingham went with mee to Fox hall, and stayd till 12.

Sir Francis Andrews, of Denton, Bart., married Bridget, only daughter of Sir Thomas Clifton, of Lytham, Bart., by Bridget, his 2nd wife, daughter of Sir Edward Hussey, Knt., of Hunnington, co. Lincoln. He had issue two daughters, Bridget and Eleanor, and a son, Sir William Andrews, Bart., of Denton, at whose decease, in 1804, the title became extinct.—Dick Osbaldeston was, perhaps, a younger brother of Alexander Osbaldeston, of Sunderland, Esq., who married Henry Whittingham's sister.—Henry Whittingham, of Whittingham Hall, Esq., was the descendant of one of the most ancient families in Lancashire. Warin de Whytingham was living at Whittingham 8 John (1201-2), and an uninterrupted descent from Atkin de Quitinghay, or Whittingham (who was probably the grandson of Warin), is traced to the year 1779, when Richard Whittingham sold Whittingham Hall and estate, on December 28, in that year, to Messrs. Edward and Thomas Pedder, from whom it passed (by purchase) to the late Mr. J. B. Williamson, of Preston. Henry Whittingham married Mary, daughter and co-heiress of Charles Harrison, of Fairoak House, Bowland, co. York, and Torrisholme, co. Lancashire, and was the father of a family of eleven children, of whom Richard succeeded him, and dying in 1777, left an only son

Richard, the disposer of his ancestral domain. Of the daughters of Henry, Bridget and Mary married respectively George and Joseph Silvertop, of Minsteracres, Northumberland, sons of Albert Silvertop, of Stella, Esq.; Catherine married first, John Dalton, Esq.. of Thurnham, eldest son of John (Hoghton) Dalton, Esq., by Frances, daughter of Sir Piers Mostyn, of Talacr, co. Flint, Bart., and he dying s.p., she married second, William Clavering, of Berrington, co. Durham, Esq.; the rest appear to have not been married. Although Henry Whittingham, under his father's will, in default of his conforming to the Protestant religion, was allowed only a moderate competence for himself, his wife, and his children; still, "it appears," says Fishwick, in his History of Goosnargh, "that his convictions were too deep and sincere to be influenced by mercenary considerations, and he died a member of the Roman Catholic Church."

June 19.—Went in the morning to Litham; sent Lawrence ffrom thence to Mr. Blackborne's, of Orfford; gave him 2s. to bear his charges with; about 5, Mr. Leigh, off Lime, came, and in ye eivening wee all watted on my Lord over Litham common to see ye ground for his Lordship's stable to be bult on; thence to ffox hall.

June 20.—Went with sist^r and Mrs. to din^r att Litham; stay^d there till past 12 at night; gave Mr. Howard 1s., & W: W: 1s.; soe home; Mr. Leigh at Litham.

June 21.—P^d pro Warbrick great-tax; p^d pro eges & butt^re 7d.; at home alday; cos. W: W: came in the evening.

June 22.—Went to cos. W: W: to X; son dined with us; Capt Veale & Mr. Wilkinson came to see us in ye eivening; wee brought son to see ye galloper's watt^r and to Great Warbricke's where hee treated us with 2 bottles of sid^r; p^d 2d. pro ffenicke, and gave Mrs. 2s. 6d.

June 23.—P^d pro Martin land tax 6d; thence with Ned T: to Roshall a ffowling, Mr. Jackcob, Sr Fran^e man, with us; dined at Roshall; gave George, ye warren^r 1s., to take care off my horse; soe home.

Rossall Hall was the seat of Edward Fleetwood, Esq.

June 24.—Att Litham alday with ye company; gave W: W: 1s.; soe home.

June 25.—Alday not very well, and in beed; Dick Kellet came and satt bye mee 3 hours.

June 26.—Watted on my Lord to Roshall, a sea-pye hunting; wee dined att Burne; gave ye man 1s.; thence to ffox hall, when my Lord called and dranke a glass of sacke, sid^re, &c.; thence went to Litham.

"My Lord" was Lord Petre.—Burn Hall was the residence of Mr. Westby.

June 27.—Went in the morning to Litham; affter din^r came with my

L^d^ and company to Whinny heys; brought my Lord backe to ye common, where I tucke leave with him.

Whinney Heys was the seat of Edward Veal, Esq.

June 28.—Wentt with sist^r^ and Mrs. to Whinneyheys to dinner; afterwards to Banyst^r^ Hall; p^d^ 2d. at Cammell's; 4d. spent with Cap^tt^ Veale and Tho. Elston, ye coach:; spent at Preston, with cos. Leconby and cos. Gerard, 4d., and 4d. with Ned Winckley; thence with him to Banister Hall.

Richard Gerard, of Haighton, gent., was the second son of Evan Gerard, gent. of the same place. The family was descended from the Gerards, of Holt, in Brindle. Their old residence, called Gerard's Hall, situated in a secluded part of Haighton, about four miles to the north of Preston, has been succeeded by Haighton House, a plain structure of moderate proportions, built by Evan Richard Gerard, Esq., in 1821. On the death of the late Evan John Gerard, Esq., in the year 1832, the estate passed to his only sister, Miss Gerard, of the Lodge, Taunton, Somersetshire, from whom it was purchased by the father of the present proprietor, the late James Fris. Anderton, Esq.

June 29.—Affter din^r^ wentt to Orfford; called at Standish, of Tom Dayle; but spent nothing.

June 30.—Gave ye servantts att Orfford 4s.; thence to Standish, to meet my Lord Peters, ye Ld George Howard, and a great many good company, with Mr. Blackborne; gave Lawrence 1s. to bear his charge, and spent 3s.; thence to Banister, backe with Ned Winckley.

Orford, near Warrington, was the seat of Jonathan Blackburn, Esq.—Thomas Dale was Deputy-Mayor of the Mock Corporation of Walton, in 1701; William Farington, Esq., was Mayor.—Standish was the seat of Ralph Standish, Esq. The hall was built of brick, irregular in form, but commodiously arranged in its interior. The moat encircling the hall was filled up in 1780, and much of the original building itself was then removed. Attached to the mansion is an ancient Catholic Chapel, built soon after the Reformation, and still used. Ralph Standish married Lady Philippa Howard, daughter of Henry, Duke of Norfolk, and had his estates forfeited for participation in the rebellion of 1715. He was taken prisoner at Preston, tried in London, June 16, 1716, and convicted of high treason. The sentence was not carried out, however, and on the same day in 1717, he was let out of Newgate, being, with other Lancashire gentlemen, "put into messenger's hands." His estates were, however, afterwards restored. He was living in 1752, at the advanced age of 82.—Lord George Howard was a younger son of Henry, 6th Duke of Norfolk, and brother-in-law of Mr. Standish.

July primo.—Alday att Banister hall; Mr. William Winckley, Mr. Gerard there; in the eivening, younge Clayton came and satt till 9 with us.

July 2.—Gave ye servantts 3s.; thence to Litle Plumpton with Mr. parkinson, about seting ye tyeths, where Tommy Wambsley bad £15 5s. po all the tyeths, but would not stand his bargen; spent 1s., and gave little Matt Totall 1s.; thence to Tom pickup, with Dick Kellet and Jam^s^ Salthouse; spent 10d.

T. Wambsley memndm.

Little Plumpton is a small village, and forms, with Great Plumpton and Westby, but one township. *Westbi* and *Pluntun* are each stated in Domesday Book to contain two carucates. The township is 2¼ miles W.N.W. of Kirkham.—James Salthouse, of Salwick (in 1739), married Elizabeth, daughter of Titus Cunliff, of Bartle, in Woodplumpton, yeoman.

July 3.—Meet at Pickup's; set all the tyeths to Dick Kellet and Hen^{r} Carter, of Nor Moss; spent 2s.; Capt Veale and Mr. Richardson in company.

It is not improbable that Dick Kellet was of the same family as Robert Kellet, of Woodplumpton, a Catholic non-juror in 1716, whose descendant, Robert Kellet, of the same place, married Elizabeth, daughter of Robert Haydock, of Leach Hall, in Bartle, and had issue the Rev. Richard Kellet, of St. Clare's Abbey, Darlington.—Normoss is in the township of Hardhorn-with-Newton, about 1¼ miles from Poulton.

July 4.—Alday in the house, at Foxhall; gave Lawrence 1s. to get the horse shooed.

July 5.—Alday, till evening, at ffox hall; then went over the commone to see my L$^{d's}$ mare, and S^{r} ffrancis' gelding, but a shower of raine drive mee home.

July 6.—Went in the morning to Litham; ffound Will Nelson there, who tould mee y^{tt} y^{e} old doct^{r} was buryed Fryday beffor, at Bardsey; Old Doctr Litle Tom Westby was there; stayed alday; gave W: W: 1s.; ^{s}oe to ffox hall.

The 6th July, was the 4th Sunday after Pentecost. The Mission at Lytham, early in the last century, was served by the Rev. Christopher Burton, S.J., who afterwards retired to Watten, where he died, 23rd July, 1744, æt. 73. From the entries in the Diary, however, it is evident that the Rev. William Westby, at this time, was serving the chapel at the Hall, and, perhaps, also that of Fox Hall. The ancient chapel in Lytham Hall is now used as a servants' hall. This was succeeded by one in the park, which was afterwards replaced by a larger one, fronting Clifton-street, in the town, built by the present missionary rector, the Rev. J. Walmsley, in 1839. The mansion stands about twelve miles to the west of Preston, and is a stately and elegant structure, re-erected between 1757 and 1764. The principal front, which is to the east, has a richly decorated pediment supported by four massive columns of the Ionic order.—Little Tom Westby was a younger son of Thomas Westby, Esq., of Burn Hall; he died s. p. in 1762.—The Diarist places a cross patriarchal under the memorandum in the margin, which would lead us to suppose that the "Old Doctor" was some Catholic Bishop, but the death of no such ecclesiastic is recorded at this period. Bardsey was the seat of Lord Molyneux: the old Doctor may have been his chaplain.

July 7.—Went in ye morning to Polton; gave Lawrence 6d. to goe to Lan^{r} with; spent 6d. att John Jonson, with Dick Kellet, Hen: Cart^{r}, Dick Birch, & Will Pearson, about y^{e} tyeth; thence to Fox hall.

July 8.—Went in y^{e} morning to meet Ned Winckley; spent 3d. att Mr. Totall's; thence to Litham with him, to manage about the moneys; stayed there till eivening; thence to Rog$^{r's}$; spent with James Webster, &c., 1s.; soe to ffox hall, where I ffound Will Barton and Great Warbreck.

I set Staning tyeth to Barton po 72 and 8 sives of oats, per ann. for 3 years; received ffrom him 5 pounds; soe to beed.

Staining is two miles from Poulton, in the township of Hardhorn-with-Newton.—"Sives" means sieves.

July 9.—Left Fox hall about 8; gave Ned Malley 5s. to pay ffor straw, and 2s. 6d. to by him provisions; p^{d} John Jonson pro shoes 5s., and gave Lawrence 2s. 6d. att Pilling bridge, to bye ffish with; spent there, with Bro^{r} Frost, Mr. Jon Bell, and oth^{r} bowllers, 2s.; thence to Lan^{r}. but, upon Cockersand, was seassed with ye most violent shewr off raine I ever was in: it made ye whole sand above 6 inches deep, in so much, y^{t} where I could have galloped beffor, affter the show^{r} I could not make a trote.

William Bell, gent., resided at Parrox Hall.

July 10.—Alday in ye toun; p^{d} Tom Lay for printing cloath, 5s.; in ye eivening went to Hen: Wayles, and only spent one penny with Hen: Hosfield; soe home.

July 11.—Alday in the house; about 12, Mr. Massy called, in his way ffrom Bardsew to Dunkenhall, and stayed an how^{r}; p^{d} 6d. pro lett^{rs}, and 3d. pro pap^{r}.

July 12.—Went in ye morning to Hen: Wayles; p^{d} him 2 ginnys pro liberty monys; spent 6d.; thence to see ye Recorder, and lickwise Mr. Rigby, new comen from London; affter din^{r} went to see Sr Piers Mostin, at Thurnham; stay^{d} till 6; thence to Ashton, where my son and Dunlop had made a bargen ffor a horse; stay^{d} till nine; soe home.

Roger Whichcotte Massey, gent., was town clerk of the Mock Corporation of Walton in 1712-13-14.—Mr. Rigby would be a grandson of Baron Rigby, of Middleton, and brother of Edward Rigby, M.P., for Preston, in 1705.—Sir Piers Mostyn, of Talacre, Bart., died 15 Nov., 1720; he was father-in-law of John Dalton, of Thurnham, Esq.

July 13.—Left Lan^{r} about 8; pray^{d} at Thurnham; came to ye Maines about 2; stay^{d} 3 hours—an hour with Mr. Hornby, 2 hours att Whinnyheys; soe to Fox Hall.

Thurnham Hall, as we have before mentioned, was purchased by Robert Dalton, Esq., of Bispham, in the parish of Croston, on June 24, 2 and 3 Phil. and Mary (1556). From him it descended, through the Hoghtons of Park Hall, a junior branch of the Hoghtons, of Hoghton Tower, who assumed the name of Dalton, to the late John Dalton, Esq., the last male heir, who died 10 March, 1837. The mansion is a structure of the time of Queen Mary, but in the year 1823, the late Mr. Dalton unfortunately destroyed the original architectural character of the house, by removing the fine mullioned windows and large projecting bays. A new stone front was built, terminating on each side by small turrets, with a castellated parapet, and projecting entrance-hall, over the door of which are the arms of Dalton impaling those of Gage. From the entrance-hall, which is a noble apartment in the centre of the building, an oak stair-

case leads to the drawing room immediately above, and of similar proportions—thirty-nine feet by twenty-four. To the right of the hall is the dining-room, and to the left the library. Adjoining the house is a small Gothic domestic chapel, and at a short distance is the Catholic Church, dedicated to S S. Thomas and Elizabeth, a fine building with a lofty spire, built in 1848, on the site of a former chapel, mainly by Miss Elizabeth Dalton, the last lineal member of the family bearing the name of Dalton. The mansion is seated on a gentle eminence, in the parish of Cockerham, and township of Thurnham, surrounded by woods and pastures, and commanding views of a rich and fertile tract of country. The hall, which has not been occupied since the death of Miss Dalton, in 1861, contained a fine collection of family portraits, amongst which were those of John Hoghton, who assumed the name of Dalton, his wife Frances, and his brothers—William Hoghton, and Robert Hoghton, a monk of the Order of St. Benedict. There was also a painting of the Chapter House belonging to Cockersand Abbey, latterly the mausoleum of the Dalton family, by Sir Thomas Gage, Bart., father-in-law of the late Mr. Dalton.—The Diarist refers to staying an hour at the residence of Edmund Hornby, Esq., in Poulton, and two hours at Whinneyheys, the seat of Captain Veal.

July 14.—Went away by Litham to Preston, with cos. Clifton; dined with my Ld Peters, &c.; spent 2s., and gave Lawrence one; lost 4s.; gave Gye, the jockey of Jemmy Singleton, 1s., Sargenson's jockey, 1s., and Ned Winckley's jockey, one shilling, and honest Jem: Singlton treated us all with above 3 pounds; wee stay^{d} all night, Butler, &c.

July 15.—Left Preston y^{tt} morning about 8, in company of ye younge Lord, Will Hesketh, Doctor Hesketh, and Jemmy Singlton; wee all dined att Rawclife Hall; I p^{d} 6s. towards a Scotch cow; gave the servants 2s.; lost 4s. at bowells, and spent 4d.; soe to ffox Hall.

Sir Cuthbert Clifton, knt., of Westby, great grandfather of Thomas Clifton, the "cos. Clifton" of the Diary, married Anne, daughter of Thomas Tyldesley, Esq., of Morleys, and sister of Edward Tyldesley, Esq., the great grandfather of the Diarist. Thomas Clifton, Esq., of Lytham, married Eleanor-Alathea, daughter of Richard Walmsley, of Dunkenhalgh, Esq., and aunt to Lady Petre.—Henry Butler, Esq., of Rawcliffe Hall, in the township of Out Rawcliffe, 4½ miles N.E. of Poulton, on the northern bank of the river Wyre, was engaged, with his son Richard, in the Rebellion of 1715, and in consequence of this, his estates were confiscated, and sold by act of Parliament, 4 Geo. I., 1718. His son was taken prisoner at Preston, condemned, and his estates confiscated, but he died in prison, in London, 16th Jan. 1716.—William Hesketh, Esq., lord of the manor of Little Singleton, was the eldest son and heir of Thomas Hesketh, of Maynes, Esq. His brother Thomas, whose name appears in the Preston Guild books of 1682, 1702, and 1722, and as of London, was surgeon in 1742, so possibly was the "Doctor."

July 16.—Left Fox hall about 8 post prandium, Jemmy Singleton haveing been with me about an hou^{r}; thence to Dick Kellet's, who went with mee to ye Wood End, where I sold him ye pybald filly ffor £4 10 0; from thence home, in violent raine.

July 17.—In the house alday, very much out of ord^{r} with could goten over night; sent Mr. Robert Lawson 30s., ffor parte of his rent of the Bryory ffeild.

July 18.—In the house and garden all day, not well recovered of my could; p[d] 1s. pro samon, and 9d. pro rootts and ffrutte.

July 19.—Gave Mrs. 2s. 6d. pro house use; then went to see Bro[r] Frost, and dined with him; affter diner S[r] Pears M[n], Bro[r] Dalton, and Will Houghton sent for us; wee stayed till 8, soe parted; but S[r] Pears M[n] p[d] all.

It is just possible that the Jemmy Singleton, mentioned by the Diarist, was James Singleton, Esq., fourth son of Thomas Singleton, Esq., of Stayning Hall, in the township of Hardhorn-with-Newton, who was an officer in the Royal army, and was slain in Newbury fight. Thomas Singleton married Dorothy, daughter of James Anderton, of Clayton, Esq., and had issue John, na. 20 Sep. 1635, ob. 19 Dec., 1666, who married Jane, daughter and coheiress of Edmund Fleetwood, Esq., of Rossal; Thomas, o. s. p.; George, of Stayning, Esq., o. s. p.; James, as above; Anne, of Bardsea, spinster, living there in 1690; Mary, who married John Mayfield, Esq., of whom hereafter; and Dorothy, married to Alexander Butler, Esq., of Todderstaffe Hall, who, through this marriage, inherited the Manor of Todderstaffe, and other estates. The eldest son, John Singleton, dying s. p., his widow married, second, Thomas Cole, Esq., of Beaumont Cote, near Lancaster, magistrate of Oyer and Terminer, and Deputy Lieutenant of the county of Lancaster. George Singleton was living at Stayning, in 1679. but was deceased in 1690; he was lord of the manors of Stayning, Hardhorn, Todderstaffe, and Carlton. From deeds of the latter date, it appears that Dorothy, the widow of Thomas Singleton, was living at that date, but that the husband of her daughter Mary, was then deceased, whose son and heir, John Mayfield, gent., dying without issue, was succeeded by his nephew and heir-at-law, William Blackburn, of Great Singleton, gent., who had issue James, eldest son and heir, and Gabriel, apparently under age in 1755. From the Blackburns the property passed into other hands, and the hall is now a farm house. Ann Singleton, of Bardsea, devised her interest in the estates by will, dated 3rd April, 1719, to her nephew, the above mentioned John Mayfield, gent., who resided at Stayning, and left a widow Mary, living in 1755.—Stayning Hall was purchased from Sir Thomas Holt, of Grizlehurst, by George Singleton, a descendant of the family of Shingle Hall, in Whittingham, in the reign of Henry VIII. The *vill* of Steyninges, was originally given under the charter of John de Lacy, constable of Chester, to the abbot and monks of the Locus Benedictus of Stanlawe, and in the *Coucher Book of Whalley Abbey* in the survey of the abbey possessions, we find the following:—"Stayning Grang. The house of Stayning is in length xxvij yards, and lofted on'r and slated. Ye close called ye little Hey contained by estimation half an acr. and ye said house payeth yearly 6s." Amongst the list of tenants which follows this scanty description of the old Grange, we have "Constance Singleton, widow, houldeth a mess. xxx acres of land, and payeth yearly 30s.," the largest holder in the list, no other tenure being more than twenty acres. The hall, which still retains a part of its ancient moat, has its "Boggart;" according to the popular belief, the wandering ghost of a Scotchman, murdered near a tree, has since recorded the deed by perfuming the ground with a sweet odour of thyme.

July 20.—Went to X to cos. W: W:, and after din[r] about 2, set forwards ffor Banister hall; spent 4d. at Bradley's, in Garstang, with Mr. Plesington, Muncaster, younge Morcroft, y[e] lether officer, and Will Webster. Upon Walton Cop, stoped att Tho: Wambsley, the cobler, above 2 hours with a most violent shower; thence to Banist[r] hall.

This was the 6th Sunday after Pentecost. Walton Cop is the high ground above the river, in Walton-le-Dale, near Preston.

July 21.—Alday at Banister hall, and sent Lawrence to Dunken hall.

July 22.—Went in the morning with Ned Winckley and doug^{r} ; alday there, dut did no busines; I won 5s. at bowlls, of Massy, and gave the servant one; soe to Banister hall.

The Diarist refers to going with Ned Winckley and his daughter to Dunkenhalgh, the residence of Lord Petre.

July 23.—Gave ye servants at Banister Hall 3s.; spent 5d. at Nell Jackson's; called of Mr. Parkinson; thence to Cockerham, where I spent 4d. with Bro^{r} Frost, Mr. Jon, &c.; soe home.

July 24.—In the house till eivening; then went to my garden, and planted some colliflow^{r} plants, 100 savoy cabadge plants; from thence went to Hen. Westby's, & satt an hou^{r} ; soe home.

Robert Parkinson was a solicitor, and one of the many connected with poor Tyldesley's estate.

July 25.—Went with Mrs. & 2 cosin Stanleys to Thurnham; affter din^{r} went with Sr Pears M^{n}, Robt Strickland, &c., to Cockerham; stayed there till past one; called at Thurnham, with Mr. Drake, who promised to go home with mee, but Sr Pears made me sit up till day, when we parted; gave John Holt 1s.

July 26.—Gave Ned Malley 3s. 6d. to bye wheat; in ye eivening went to ye King's Armes, where I spent 2s. 6d. with Sr John Bland's son, his cossin, Mr. Adam Bland, Mr. Blake, Robert Strickland, Recorder, Mr. Benison, one Mr. Davison, bro^{r}-in-law to younge Bland, and Bro^{r} Dalton.

July 27.—Alday in town; about seven I went to see Mr. Bland, Bro^{r} Dalton, & y^{tt} company; stay^{d} two hours but must not pay anything; found John Hawkswell's son borne at White Bull, who was Sr John Bland's stuarde there; p^{d} po lett^{rs} & frut 6d.

Robert Strickland was the second son of Sir Thomas Strickland, knight, of Sizergh, in Westmoreland, who was made a banneret by Charles I. in person, in the field at Edgehill, 23rd October, 1642. Robert Strickland was never married.—It appears that the guests of Mr. Dalton, after dinner, visited Mr. Frost, at Cockerham.—Sir John Bland, Bart., of Kippax Park, co. York, was second son and eventually heir of Sir Francis Bland, Bart., by Jane, daughter of Sir William Lowther. Sir John sat in Parliament for Appleby, aftewards for Pontefract, and was member at the time of his death for the county of Lancaster. He married 31st March, 1685, Anne, daughter and heiress of Sir Edward Mosley, of Hulm, co. Lancaster, and had, to survive infancy, one son and four daughters, viz.:—John, his heir, who was M.P. for Lancashire in 1714, and succeeded to the baronetcy; Anne, married to Thomas Davison, Esq., of Blakiston, co. Durham, whose grandson, Thomas Davison, Esq., on succeeding to the estate of his cousin, Sir Hungerford Bland, eighth and last baronet, in 1756, assumed the additional surname and arms of Bland; and three other daughters, who died unmarried.—Adam Bland, Esq., who married the daughter of Edward Chetham, of Manchester, was the son of Adam Bland, Esq. (by the daughter

of Sir Thomas Barnadiston, and relict of Ashcroft), who was the younger brother of Sir Fris. Bland, father of Sir John. The Blands who settled at Kippax Park, temp Eliz., were originally seated at Bland's Gill, in the county of York.

July 28.—Gave Lawrence 5s. to bye colles & horse gears; alday in the house; much out of order.

July 29.—Gave Mrs. 1s., and p^{d} 8s. 6d. pro trespas of 2 horses into old Leigh's ley field.

July 30.—Affter diner went to meet Mr. Bland & his company; p^{d} 5s. ffor a new hay cart and mending the old one; cos. Stanleys here.

July 31.—Gave Mrs. 5s. to pay ffor frute, & Mrs. Lawson's, and then wentt to Garstange Kirktoun, where I dined att Hen: Richmond's with Mr. Bland, & dito company, & returned home aboutt 8 att night; but cos: Stanleys were gone to Preston.

By a strange peculiarity the parish church of Garstang, dedicated to St. Helen, stands one and a half miles from the town, in the township of Kirkland, and in that part of the parish called Garstang Church Town.—Henry Richmond was presented to the vicariate of Garstang, 4th April, 1698, by Silvester Richmond, M.D., and others.

August primo.—Very busy in my hay; about 12 Jack Layborne, his lady, & my godson called, but would not stay, therefor Mrs. and I wentt with y^{m} to Robt Parkinson, where wee stay^{d} till ffive; then to my hay, till halfe past 8. At my returne home, p^{d} John Wallas, smith, 10s., and spent one on him at Margret Jones; soe to beed; p^{d} 6d. pro potetows.

John Leybourne, Esq., of Cunswick, married Lucy, only daughter of Thomas Dalton, of Hornby, Esq., counsellor-at-law. He was out in the Rebellion of 1715, and his estate of Cunswick was forfeited and sold. He died without issue. His sister married Thomas Walton, of Winder, near Cartmel, who also joined the Rebels in 1715. Mr. Leybourne's estate of Nateby was also forfeited; he owned property at Heysham. George Leybourne, of Nateby Hall, was "my godson." The old Catholic family of *Leybourne*, or Leyburn, is now extinct. It supplied many distinguished ecclesiastics, and even suffered martyrdom and confiscation of property, in its zealous attachment to the Catholic religion. James Leybourn, Esq., of Skelsmergh Hall, in Westmoreland, lord of the manor of Skelsmergh, was drawn, hanged, and quartered, at Lancaster, March 22nd, 1583.—Vid. *Memoirs of Miss. Priests.* Their estates in Westmoreland were confiscated, in the last century, for their faithful adherence to the Stuart cause. A portion of them fell into the hands of Lord Derby, and a brother of the present Earl now resides at Witherslack, at which place, and also at Skelsmergh, Cunswick, and Nateby, may still be seen the old Catholic chapels, formerly belonging to the Leybournes, and served by the family chaplains, now desecrated.

August 2.—Alday very bussy in my hay; and in ye evening cleared the Bryory ffeild. Jonny Wilding came and brought us a new melsh cow.

August 3.—Went to Alclife, to prayers; in the evening, Mrs. and I with Jonny W. went to Hen: Westby's, where we stayed till nine, and Nany came backe and suped with us.

August 4.—Went with Hen. Westby to Burton, to see cos Barton, who had broken his lege; spent on him and Hen. Westby, at Wadson's, 2s. 6d.; thence to Borricke; Hen. dito gave mee one pinte of ale; thence to Warton, where wee meet Nany and severall Lan^{r} nigbours; ye old Fryor treated; soe home; gave Tommy Wilding a silke handcartshife, price 1s., pro looking to my coult Busefalus; soe to beed, being vere ill wette.

Burton, in Westmoreland, is 10 miles S. of Kendal.—Borwick, in the parish of Warton, is 8 miles N.N.E. of Lancaster. The Manor of Borwick, passed in marriage with Cecilia, the daughter and sole heiress of Sir Robert Bindlosse, Bart., of Borwick Hall, to William Standish, of Standish, Esq., whose son Ralph was the owner at this time. The Hall is described as a spacious decayed old house, *temp.* Charles I., but with a much older part at the east end. The great hall is still entire. Over the fireplace are the arms of Bindloss, impaling West, and beneath, the names "Byndlos and West;" the second wife of Sir Fris. having been Cecilia, daughter of Thomas West, Lord de la Ware. One of the bedrooms was the ancient chapel, and adjoining is the priest's closet, beneath which still remains a secret place, into which the persecuted ecclesiastics, on pressing part of the floor, suddenly descending, eluded for the time all further search. The place is now called "The Bindloss Chamber." When Charles II., says Dr. Whitaker, was at Borwick Hall, in August, 1651, he was little aware in how few days he was to be indebted for his crown and life to a similar contrivance.—Warton is a village, township, and parish, 7 miles N. of Lancaster.—"Nany" was the Diarist's sister.—"Busefalus" is the classical name *Bucephalus*.

August 5.—Alday in the house, being very ill surfitted with the severity off raine ffrom Warton.

August 6.—Almorning bussy in my hay; in the eivening Sir Pears Mostin, Robt Strickland, and cos. Griffys, of Wayles, came to see mee, and I went with them to Mr. Benison's and from thence to ye King's Armes, where wee found Bro^{r} Dalton, the two Brookes—Rob. and Tom. I spent my 3s; soe home, and too beed.

August 7.—Very bussy all morning in my hay; affter diner went with Mrs. to Thurnham; gave her 4s. to give two majds, for ye Lady had made a sheè child; soe home.

Thomas and Robert Brooke were younger sons of Richard Brooke, of Astley, Esq., by Margaret, only child and heiress of Robt. Charnock, lord of the manors of Charnock and Astley. Thomas Brooke, succeeded his brother Peter (who died a bachelor about 1720) in the estates, and was eventually succeeded by his younger son Peter Brooke, Esq., who married in 1761, Susanna, daughter of James Crookall, of Clifton, gent., and had issue Peter, who died unmarried, and Susanna Brooke, lady of Charnock and Astley. She married first, Thomas Townley Parker, father of the present Robert Townley Parker, Esq., of Cuerden, and second, Sir Henry Philip Hoghton, of Hoghton, Bart. Mr. Parker is the lord of Charnock and Astley.—The birth here recorded was that of Frances, eldest daughter of John Houghton Dalton, by Frances, daughter of Sir Piers Mostyn, of Talacre, county Flint, Bart. She afterwards married Humphrey Trafford, Esq., of Croston.

August 8.—Bussy in my hay all the morning; p^{d} pro girll's shooes mending 1s. 4d., and affter din^{r} went as ffar as Borrow, to get Tho: Wilkinson

to go ffetch me a botefull of turfe; went to Mr. Benison's, where I found Sr Pears Most^n^, Bro Dalton, Record^r^, younge Lord Robt Strickland, and George Carus; wee stayed till 8; thence to ye King's Armes, where Sr Pears treated; when hee was gon I went with Record^r^, Mr. Benison, and Go. Carus, to Rob. Hutton; spent 6d; so home.

Burrow-with-Burrow includes the two villages of Nether and Over Burrow; it is two miles south of Kirkby-Lonsdale. The hall, the residence of the Fenwicks, is a good type of a mansion house in the early reign of George II., and remarkable for its ceilings and oak carvings. Thomas Benison, Esq., of Lancaster, and also of Hornby, purchased the manor of Burton-in-Kendal, and his daughter and heiress conveyed it in marriage to John Fenwick, of Burrow Hall, Esq.—George Carus was a younger brother of Thomas Carus, Esq., of Halton.

August 9.—Alday in the toune; gave Mrs. 6s. to bye whate, &c.; p^d^ 4d. pro a lett^r^.

August 10.—Went to Thurnham to pray^rs^ and to Bro^r^ ffrost to din^r^; gave Jo. Mugall 1s; thence with Bro^r^ Frost and Mr. Jon to Thurnham, and from thence ffor Cond^r^ green with Sr Pears, and all the company, Tom Carus being there; spent 6d; soe home, about 8, from ye cockes.

The 10th was Sunday.

August 11.—Went early to Cockersand to ye boate; att her beffor 6, and fatiged alday in loading her; p^d^ for carting 1s. 4d., and ffor wheeling and ffiling turves 1s. 6d. to Tho: Dunderdall, and 2 girlles; and spent att T de Highgate 8s. on Mr. Frost man, Bro^r^ Dalton's man, my two men, and selfe; p^d^ 1s. pro a new cheese, and a janocke; soe home.

Highgate is the road running through the village of Cockerham.—Jannock is a north country word for a heavy kind of oaten bread.

August 12.—Alday busy in my hay; about 4, met Hugh, Sr Peres' man; I gave him 1s. worth of ale att Tho: Macrell; hee to Thurnham; I to the meddow.

August 13.—Alday busy getting my hay; Wilding came ffrom ye Lodge, and sent him for my coult Buseffallus to Catchall.

August 14.—Riss by 8, and rid down to ye Marsh, to meet my boat loden with turffe, but shee was niped in skall ffoard; gave Ned Mally 1s. to go to Preston with; gave Mrs. 2s. pro house use; and halfepast one set fforwards ffor Preston; spent at Dick Jackson's, with Ned W——ley, Tom Pearson, and Bro^r^ Winder, 1s.; thence to Banister hall.

John Wilding was the farmer at Myerscough Lodge.—Catterall (Catchall) is 2 miles south of Garstang, and in that parish.—The Marsh was just between Lancaster and Aldcliffe, and the Diarist's boat was neaped in Scaleford, two miles below Lancaster, on the river Lune.—Richard Jackson, of Preston, probably an innkeeper, was a Catho-

ie non-juror in 1716.—" Ned W——ley" *i.e.* Ned Winckley, of Banister Hall.—John Winder, of Preston, attorney-at-law, was " slutkisser" and " house-groper" of the Walton Corporation in 1731. His eldest son and heir, Edmund Winder, gent., was living at Loveley, in Lancashire, in 1749.

August 15.—Affter din[r] went to Preston; p[d] 1s. 6d. pro spice, &c., ffor little babys at Banister Hall; spent with Tho: Whalley and William Barton 1s., and 6d. att Nell Jackson's, pro mee, and 2s. 6d. pro Ned and his horse; soe to Banister Hall.

August 16.—Went in the morning with Ned Winckley to meet Ned Warren att Walton, where wee dined; his man brought samon hott out of y[e] pan at White Bull in Preston, to y[e] White Bull in Walton; Ned Warren and I spent each our 2s. 6d.; soe we parted—hee to Chorley, Ned W: and I to Preston, where I spent 1s. 8d., affter I had satte 3 hours with cossins Blundells and Stanleys.

William Barton, of Ormskirk, married Esther, daughter and coheiress of Edward Eccleston, gent., of Broadoak, in Parr, by his wife Thomasina, daughter and coheiress of Thomas Tickle, of Parr, yeoman (the other daughter and coheiress of Mr. Tickle married the Rev. Peter Aspinwall, of Parr, whose son and heir, Peter, of Ormskirk, gent., had issue a son and heir, William, of the same place, gent). The coheiress with Mrs. Barton (who afterwards married Mr. Tyrer) was Margery, married to Thomas Lyon, afterwards of Broadoak, in Parr, gent. The family of Eccleston appears to have resided at the mansion of Broadoak from a very early period. Henry Eccleston, who married Grace, daughter and heiress of John Parre, of Parr, was living here in 1549, and their son Thomas, in 1589. In 1634, another Henry Eccleston was living here, and on the 28th Nov., 1671, Henry Eccleston, of Broadoak, gent., made a settlement of his estates on his son Edward, in consideration of an approaching marriage between him and the before-mentioned Thomasina Tickle. Provision was also made for Mary, the wife of Henry Eccleston, and his daughter Cicely. The family owned considerable property in Parr and Lathom.—Edward Warren would probably be a son of John Warren (son of Edward Warren, of Poynton), who married Anne, daughter of Hugh Cooper, of Chorley, sheriff of Lancashire in 1657.

August 17.—Gave y[e] servants at Banister Hall 8s.; left it about 7, and at Jump-lane ends meet Mr. Gibson, recorder, Harson, and Mr. Benison; they from Preston; parted with them att Broughton; I prayed at Crow Hall; stayed an hou[r] at Lodge, and 2 att Natby; spent 6d. at Highgate; soe home.

Jump-lane is on the south side of Broughton Church, and (running from Haighton) joins the Lancaster and Preston highway there. Broughton is four miles north of Preston. Crow Hall, in Woodplumpton, was the property of the Dickensons. Bartholomew Dickenson was living here early in the last century, and the estate was sold during the lifetime of his descendant, John Dickenson, of Crow Hall, who died 29 Sept. 1823, æt. 59, leaving a son and heir Thomas Dickenson, who married Isabella, daughter of John Gillow, of Elswick Grange. The family also held property in Haighton, for many generations. In 1716, Crow Hall was reported to government as " given to superstitious uses." Previous to the erection of Newhouse chapel, mass was celebrated here, as well as at Bank Hall, in Broughton, the ancient residence of the Singletons, purchased about 1659, by the Rev. George Crook, a Catholic priest, who devised it to his nephew John Crook, and in the possession of

one half sold to the Shelfalls in 1718
& the other half by S.C. to the Wilsons about 1826.

whose decendants it remained, until the late Dr. Crook sold it to the Wilsons. A gentleman, now living, well remembers serving mass at Crow Hall, in the chapel in the yard "up steps," as it was customary to build Catholic chapels in those troublesome times. It is now a farmhouse, and the property of Mr. Stuzziker, of Bilsborough. —Nateby Hall was the residence of George Leyburn, Esq.

August 18.—Bussy unloding the boatfull off turfe; spent 6d. at Bridge-end; p^{d} the boatmen 10s., viz:—Tho: Wilkinson, his man, and dum Jemmy; sent pro Mrs. 10s. to Mr. Jo: Lawson pro boatte hier.

August 19.—At home alday, busy ending my hay harvest; sent Ned Mally to Preston about bye cloaths; gave him 1s; p^{d} the hay-makers 10s. 8d., and gave Hen: Hodsan, 6d., and in ye evening went to cos. Coale's to see ye 8 Mr. Rushton, off Antler; soe to beed.

"Cos-Coale's" was Beaumont Cote, in the township of Skerton, near Lancaster, the residence of Edmund Cole, Esq., Sheriff of Lancashire, in 1707.—The Rishtons, or Rushtons, were an ancient family long seated at Antley, in the parish of Whalley. Higher and Lower Antley, at an early period the estate of John Rishton, once constituted a vaccary of Rossendale, but are now farms. Lower Antley was the seat of Ralph Rishton in 15th Henry VII. (1499-1500). Geoffrey Rishton, Esq., M.D., of St. Mary's Hall, Oxon, M.P. for Preston in 1661, bequeathed it (January 2, 1666) to his son, Edward Rishton, Esq., born 1648, who married, in 1675, Lucy, daughter of George Pigott, of Preston, Esq., and had issue, Geoffrey, born 1673; Rev. George Rishton, Rector of Halton, on the presentation of Thomas Moore and Thomas Benison, 16th October, 1706, who was living in 1722; and the Rev. Edward Rishton, of Mitton, born 1685, afterwards Vicar of Almondbury, living 1762, who, with his brother George, conveyed the estate of Lower Antley, in 1721, to his brother-in-law, John Hopkinson, of Blackburn, chapman.—"Bye cloaths" probably refers to under or extra clothing; "by" meaning besides or nigh. Or the term may refer to house clothes; "bye" being an old word for an habitation or place of abode.

August 20.—In the toun till noun; meet Tom Fisher att ye Bridge end; gave him 2 potles of ale; thence to Skearton, to bye a cole carte; spent 20d. in the eivening, att Hen: Wayles', with Mr. Benison and Andrew Wilson & Backhouse; soe ffrom thence to ye Sun; gave Mr. Willson one pinte of wine; soe to beed.

August 21.—About 11, Jacke, & my godson George Layborne, came to see us, and stayed till 4—George ffor Cumberland, and Jacke ffor Heysham; p^{d} John Wallas, the smith, 7s. 8d., and Richard Stirzacr, 5d. pro seads.

August 22.—About one post prandium, went to Heysham to see Jack Layborne; stay^{d} with him till ffive; saw ffranke Nickinson coming and goeing.

August 23.—P^{d} Tho: Dunderdall 10s., pro ordering my turves on the Boon Reed; gave Mrs. 5s. to bye wheat, &c.; thence to Thurnham; stay^{d} with Sr Pears, and othe^{r} there, from 2 till 11; gave John Holte 1s., and Beysley 1s.; soe home.

August 24.—Went with sist[r] and Mrs. to pray[rs] att Thurnham. stay[d] alday, till 7 at night; soe home.

This was Sunday.—George Leyburne, of Nateby, gent., was a Catholic non-juror in 1716, and returned an annuity out of Nateby and Heysham; he died without issue. His brother John owned the estate at Heysham, which is a village, township, and parish, four miles west of Lancaster.

August 25.—Went in the morning in ord[r] to meet y[e] hound about Sellery, where Bro[r] ffrostt's gray-houses killed a sorell, w[ch] wee tucke to y[e] Cockes, and were very merry over a part off him; S[r] Pears, Mr. Dalton, Frost, Dunlop, and others, were there; spent 1s. 6d.; soe to Lancaster.

A sorel is a male fallow deer of three years old.—"The Cocks" was the sign of an inn at Condor Green.

August 26.—Went in y[e] morning to Ashton a hunting, where a wag[r] off a ginny was lay[d] that wee killed noe bucke; but after 3 how[rs] good sport wee did, and went to eate part off him at Cockes, where Bro[r] ffrost and I keep company with y[e] yemon men who had helped us in our sport, viz.:—Ned Reeder, Rob[t] Bread, Matthew Cropper, Hen[y] Roe, Doct[r] Richmond, etc.; ffrost, Ned R——d[r], and I spent 1s. a piece; y[e] rest 6d.; so I went home

Edward Reeder, of Ellel, yeoman, and Ruth, his wife, by indentures, dated 12th and 13th Feb., 1753, gave 3¼ acres, in Cockerham, for charities in that parish.—"Yemon men" would be yeomen.

August 27.—Left Lan[r] about 8; went to Wilding's and y[e] Lodge; thence to Dick Kellet's; stayed there an how[r]; thence to ffox hall.

August 28.—Almorning att ffox Hall; after din[r] went to Staning, to get hay makers; call[d] att Cap[t] Veale's; stayed with him an how[r]; soe to Fox Hall.

August 29.—In the morning lent Dick Kellet my pad, to ffeild Plompton, take Mrs. up some oates; in his returne went with him to Tom Pickupe's; spent 6d. with him and Jo: Hull; so to Fox Hall; found Tom Watson and Ralph Nickson there.

A pad is a small horse.—The Diarist appears to have held tythes in Fylde Plumpton, in the parish of Kirkham, also in Bispham.

August 30.—P[d] Hen: Clarke pro 5 days work 2s. 6d., and gave him 6d. to take care off my ffatt cow to Lan[r]; gave Ned Mally 2s. 6d. to by candills, salte, &c.; then went with Dick Kellet and Tom Watson to see Bispham tyeth; in my way backe, meet Cap[tt] Veale, and spent 5d. with him; soe home to Fox hall.

August 31.—Went to Litham; stay[d] there till evening; met Dick Kellet at Fox hall, who brought mee a seawing of peys of w[ch] wee were merry.

"Seawing" or sowing is a quantitative expression. In some north country places the phrase "sowing lot," to denote a great quantity of anything, is still used. Sowing comes from the Saxon word "souwe," which means a large tub with two ears.

September 1.—P[d] Tho: Bamb[r], of Martin, 6d. ffor a church gaw[d]; thence to Polton; received 15s. from widdow Gregson; spent with Will Barton and others, about the tyeths setting att John Jonson's 1s., and Dicke Kellett 6d.; gave Hen. Low a quart att Eliner Jonson's; spentt 2d. with Capt[t] Veale and Mr. Bohew there, and 8d. with dito att Tho. Bamber's; soe home.

In old times gawds or gaulds were frequently collected in parishes. They were levied by the local authorities and the proceeds of them were often devoted to church purposes.

September 2.—Affter din[r] went to Polton in ord[r] to meet Mr. Blackborne, off Orford, but he came not; spent 6d. at Jo. Jonson's; soe home to Fox hall; p[d] Snape pro fowell 1s.

September 3.—P[d] 2s. pro butt[r] to Sara; 6d. pro a day thatching; gave Sera 6d. pro her boy to gett mee crabes, and 1s. pro her paines; thence to Lan[r]; meet the Sheriffe, and went with him to meet y[e] Judge; suped with him that night; soe to beed; gave Law[ce] 6d. to pay hay makers at Fox hall.

September 4.—Gave Mrs. 3s. 6d.; dined with y[e] sheriffe, my cos. Rostron; alday in toune; gave Bro[r] Wingate a pinte of claret; Hosfield a pott of ale att Hen. Wayles'; and gave Mrs. Wayle's girle 1s.; afterwards returned to Betty Wayles, and Bro[r] Winget, George Carus, and I, spent 8d. each; then I went to see Mr. Blackborne, off Orford, at Bety Parkinson's; spent 6d. with him and one Barlow, an attorney, in old bear; soe too beed.

September 5.—Dined with the High Sherife and Grand Jury, of w[ch] Mr. Shutlesworth was fforman; affter din[r] went with Bro[r] ffrost and Bro[r] Wingette; spend 4d. a pice; soe backe to the litle parler in the Son, where I meet the L[d] Haversham and S[r] Jo. Clarke; spend 2s. with them; soe too beed.

August 31 was Sunday.—Great Marton is 4½ miles S.S.W. of Poulton.—One Richard Bamber held land here 5 Jac. 1 (1607-8), *Inq. post mortem*.—William Rawsthorne Esq., was the High Sheriff; his mother was Margery, daughter of John Fleetwood, Esq., of Penwortham, and the Diarist's mother was Anne, daughter of Sir Thomas Fleetwood, of Colwick, Baron of Newton, consequently they were cousins.—Richard

Shuttleworth, Esq., of Gawthorpe, was the eldest son and heir of Sir Richard, whose grandfather, Richard, married Fleetwood, daughter and heiress of Richard Barton, Esq., of Barton, near Preston, and relict of Sir Richard Molyneux, of Sephton, Bart., from whom she was divorced, the manor of Barton and other estates passing to the Shuttleworth family. Whitaker says that she was first espoused to Richard Lord Molyneux, in his nonage, "but he (or she) consented not to it when of age," and she afterwards married Richard Shuttleworth, known by the sobriquet of "Old Smoot." —Maurice Thompson, second Baron Haversham, of Haversham, in the county of Bucks, in the lifetime of his father, served in the French war, and obtained distinction at the siege of Namur, where he was dangerously wounded. He was subsequently a colonel in the Guards, and before his accession to the title, a member of the House of Commons. His lordship married first, Elizabeth, daughter of John Smith, Esq., of Hertfordshire, by whom he had two daughters. He married, secondly, Elizabeth, widow of William Green, Esq., and sister of Richard Earl of Anglesey. His Lordship died in 1745, when the Barony of Haversham became extinct.

September 6.—Bro^{r} Wingatt called of me as hee went out of toune; Bro^{r} Frost and Rob: Bread dined with mee; went to Rob: Bread's hous, where I stayed with my ffreind Blackborne and honest Dick of the Brookes till 10; thence wee went to Robt. Parkinson's where wee stay^{d} till 12; I spent but 1s., in both place, and 2d. att Betty Hornby, with Dick Blackborne; soe too beed.

September 7.—Mr. Blackborne and honest Dicke, off the Brookes, and George Carus, dined with mee, and about 4 they left the toune,—the one home, the other to Poulton; I went to the Sherife, and stayed with him, Mr. Record^{r}, and others, till 8; thence to Hen: Wayles'; spent 6d. with Will Grayston, poor Will being in costodey; thence too beed.

There were many respectable families of the name of Blackburn existing at this time. Richard Blackburne, of the Brooks, was a cousin of Jonathan Blackburn, of Orford, Esq., and would probably be a son of Richard Blackburne, of Goosnargh, ancestor of the families of the Hill and the Brooks, who was second son of Richard Blackburn, of Newton, the grandfather of Jonathan Blackburn, of Orford. Another Richard Blackburn, who might be the Mr. Blackburn mentioned in the Diary, was at this time living at Stockenbridge, near St. Michael's, and was also descended from the Orford family.

September 8.—Gave Mrs. 1s., and Ned Mally, to gett the horses shooed, 1s. 6d.; spent with Sturzacr and Sikes 1s., in two places, who dined with mee. About 8, I went with Mrs. to a puppy play; p^{d} 1s.; soe home; the two Mrs. Rigbys and sist^{r} came backe with us, viz:—Mrs. Harriot and Abigall; I treated them with hunted venison; soe too beed.

Mrs. Henrietta Rigby, by will dated 5 August, 1771, left £100 in charities in Lancaster, and £100 in Preston; and Mrs. Abigail Rigby, in 1709, also left charities in Lancaster.—"Puppy plays" were common in old times; they were somewhat like what we now call marionette exhibitions.

September 9.—Alday in the house; gave Mrs. 6d., to pay ffor a scellet mending by the old Cartmil tinker.

A scellet or skellet is a small vessel, with feet, for boiling purposes.

September 10.—Left Lan^{r} aboutt 8 ; took Will Pey over with mee ; stayed at Cockherham till 12, expecting Sickes and Sturzacr to meet mee ; spent with Bor^{r} ffrost 4d ; soe to Kirkland ; Samy Butler went with mee to ffox hall ; I spent 8d. in our way, att James Person's, in Polton ; thence to ffox Hall.

September 11.—Almorning with Sany Butler, a ffowling ; about noun Cap^{tt} Veale came and dined with us, where wee were very very merry over one bottle claret and 2 off sherry ; the came to vew Bamber ground, in dissput betwixt old Warren and mee ; brought Sany Butler to Pickup's ; spent 2d ; I went to Polton with him, where hee spent 8d ; soe wee parted, hee to Kirkland, I to Fox Hall.

September 12.—After din^{r} went to see y^{m} att Whinny heys ; stayed 2 hours ; then Cap^{tt} went with mee to see Richard Butcher, where we stayed till night ; thence to Fox hall.

Kirkland, in which are situated the Parish Church, and the village of Garstang Church Town, is a township 1¼ miles S.W. of Garstang. The Butlers of Kirkland, a junior branch of the Rawcliffe family, were descended from Richard Butler, third son of Dom. Ricus. Pincerna, *alias Boteler* (son of Almeric Pincerna), who held the whole of Hout Rawcliffe and a carucate of land in Staynole, *ex dono* Theobald Walter, Pincernæ Hiberniæ, or *butler* of Ireland. Richard Butler, who held land in *Merton*, was succeeded by his son and heir, Richard Butler, who was the grandfather of John le Boteler, who married Alice, "heir to the manors of Kirkland," and had issue six daughters and a son and heir, Richard Butler, of Kirkland, who married Elizabeth, daughter of Sir John Butler, of Rawcliffe (sheriff of Lancaster, 16 Ric. II.), being related in the 4th degree, and married by license of Pope Boniface IX (1401-2). Seven generations later, Alice Butler married William Tyldesley, brother of Thurstan, and her brother, John Butler, Esq., of Kirkland, married Ann, daughter of Thurstan Tyldesley, Esq., of Stanacre, second son of Edward Tyldesley, of Morleys. He had issue (amongst other children) a daughter Alice, married to William Tyldesley, of The Ashes, in Lancashire, and a son and heir, John Butler, a captain of foot for Charles I, slain at Marston Moor, who married Margaret, daughter of Thomas Stanley, of Great Eccleston, natural son of the Earl of Derby, and had issue Thomas Butler, also a captain of foot under Charles, Earl of Derby, who married Elizabeth, daughter and co-heiress of Edmund Fleetwood, of Roshall, and was the father of the *Sany* or Alexander Butler mentioned in the diary.

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September 13.—Left Fox hall aboutt 10 ; thence to Kirkham ; stud talking with nep^{w} Parker, Will Lawd, and Cos. Stanley, at ye Crosse, half an how^{r} ; thence to Preston ; stay^{d} at Nelly Jackson's 3 how^{rs}, waiting of Ned Winckley, and with him spent 11d., in our way to Banist^{r} Hall ; meet Will Greenfeild and Evan Wales ; I treated them with 2s. 6d. in brandy ; soe to Banist^{r} Hall, Dick Kellet with me.

Probably this "nephew" Parker would be Christopher Parker, of Bradkirk Hall, near Kirkham, M.P. for Clitheroe in 1708. His grandfather, Christopher Parker, of Bradkirk Hall, J.P., co. Lancaster, married Katherine, daughter of Ralph Laud, of

Norfolk, and sister of James Laud, or *Lowde*, of Kirkham, and had issue, amongst others, a son and heir, Anthony, married to the daughter of Sir Thomas Stringer, serjeant-at-law, who was the father of the above-mentioned Christopher, and an only daughter, Katherine, married to Thomas Stanley, Esq., of Cross Hall. She was eventually heir to her brother, conjointly with her uncle, Alexander Parker, gent., under will dated 1st January, 1712-3. They sold the property in Lancashire and Yorkshire on June 6, 1723.—Will Lowde (na. 1662) was the son of James Lowde, of Kirkham, by Margaret, daughter of William Walker, of Kirkham. The family was descended from James Lowde, who married the daughter and coheiress of — Riding, of Riding, leaving a son Edmund, of Riding, married to Elizabeth, daughter of Giles Parker, of Newbury, in Yorkshire, who had issue, amongst others, Ralph Lowde, of Blackney, married to Katherine, daughter of — Carew, of Lincolnshire, the grandfather of the William Lowde in the diary.—The "Cos. Stanley" referred to was Thomas Stanley, Esq., of Cross Hall, High Sheriff of Lancashire, 1718, who married Catherine, daughter of Anthony Parker, Esq, of Bradkirk, and heir (conjointly with her uncle) to her brother's property in Lancashire and Yorkshire. Mr. Stanley was the son and heir of Peter Stanley, Esq., by his wife Catherine, daughter of Lieut.-Col. Alexander Rigby, of Middleton (by his third wife, Margaret, daughter of Sir Gilbert Houghton), who was second son of Sir Thomas Stanley, Bart., of Bickerstaff, and brother of Sir Edward Stanley, Bart., ancestor of the present Earl of Derby.—The cross spoken of was in the Market-place of Kirkham.

September 14.—Alday att Banister Hall, dito Dick with mee.

September 15.—Gave servantts at Banister hall 8s.; thence with Ned Winckley to ye White Bull, in Bulsborow, to meet Mr. Butler, Mr. Whittingham, & Mr. Shawe, about leassing ye Lodge tenents; p^d^ pro a lett^r^ 4d.; Mr. Shaw p^d^ the remaind^r^; thence wee went to ye Lodge to see the kitching chimeys pulled down; and thence Ned Winckley and I went towards Lan^r^; treated Ned W: with 10d. of nance, at Cockes; soe home.

Bilsborough is a township three and a half miles S.E. of Garstang, of which the late Thomas Butler Cole, of Kirkland, was the chief landowner.—The Diarist is here making arrangements, and superintending alterations and repairs necessary for his removal from Lancaster to The Lodge.

September 16.—Ned Winckley ingaged upon an arbritation with Will: Husband ffor ye Cothams, &c.; Mr. Penket and Mr. Gilpin there; went in morning to see Ned Winckley, but dined att home. About 5 post prandium went to see Ned Winckley, at Bety Parkinson, but soe busy not to be seen; spent with Mr. Houlding and Richd Parkinson 5d., and about 7, the concluded ye matt^r^, when Mr. Backhouse was sent ffor, but beeing oblidged to treat law^r^ Houlme, Mr. Bentley's Nep^w^, and others, hee beged of mee to goe and make his appoligey whilste he drew up the heads off ye matt^rs^ agressed upon, wh: I did, to Hen: Wayles, where were 6 Toms in nine, viz.—Tom Westmore, T. Benisson, T. Simpson, T. Croft, T. Hodshon, & T. T.—remanes, Robert Cartow, Stiven Houlme, & Dick Simpson; wee were very merry for two hours; then Tom Backhouse came, & I returned to my old company, where wee stayed till near 12; then I tucke Mr. Winckley, Mr. Husband, Mr. Houlden, and Richd Parkinson, to my house, where they stayed till 4.

Mr. Penketh was the priest at Leagram.—The Rev. Edward Gilpin was serving the mission at Robert Hall, in Tatham, in 1708 and 1714. He is mentioned in the list of benefactors to the clergy of Lancashire, under date 1725. The Hall is now only a farm-house; it is a venerable building, with an old domestic chapel attached, and was formerly the property of the Cantsfields, from whom it was carried, by Mary, daughter and heiress of Sir J. Cantsfield, in marriage to Sir William Gerard, Bart., father of the baronet of the same name, who was born in 1697.—Thomas Backhouse, solicitor, of Lancaster, was descended from the Backhouses of Myerscough, one of whom, Ann, the daughter of Richard, married Francis Westby, Esq., of Myerscough, father of Thomas Westby, of Bourn, Esq.

September 17.—Ned Winckley bad mee farewell beffor I went too beed, and accordingly left mee in beed; till near 12 I remained in ye same place, and all the remd^r^ of ye day in the house; Ed: Six all night here.

September 18.—In ye morning early went to Cockerham, and with Bro^r^ ffrost to see Dunlop, at ye ffell end. Dined there with Law^r^ Rigby, Dick Blackborne, Jo. Sterzacr, and young Brockholles, who came about sheep, &c.; ffrom thence with Bro^r^ ffrost to ye Lan^r^ Road; soe home; cos. Malley Butler came from Witwood; all night with us; Katy also with us.

Fell End is to the N.E. of Scorton.—"Young Brockholles" was William, youngest son and successor of John Brockholes, Esq., of Claughton (who died 6th March, 1719, æt 74), by his first wife, the daughter and heiress of William Barcroft, of Barcroft, co. Lanc., Esq. He married Jane, daughter of Michael Johnson, of Twygell Hall, Durham, Esq., and sister of Mary (widow of John Owen, Esq., of Osmondscroft), the second wife of his father. The other children of John Brockholes, by his first wife were—Thomas Brockholes, V.G., Chaplain at Chillington, ob. 16th Jan., 1758; Roger, also a priest; Charles, O.S.P.; Anne, married to Robt. Davies, Esq., of Wales; and Mary, married to William Hesketh, Esq., of Maynes, whose sons succeeded to the property of Claughton, and assumed the name of Brockholes. By his second wife, Mr. Brockholes had issue—Mary, died in infancy; and Catharine, married 15th Nov., 1739, to Charles Howard, afterwards 10th Duke of Norfolk. Her Grace died in 1784.—"Cos. Malley" and "Katy," or Mary and Katharine Butler, were the daughters of Henry Butler, of Rawcliffe, Esq., whose estate was confiscated after the Rebellion of 1715. He and his daughter Catharine were living in the Isle of Man in 1717. He was the son of Richard Butler, Esq., by Katharine, daughter of Thomas Carus, of Halton, Esq., and was thrice married—1st, to Katharine, grand-daughter, and ultimately heiress, of Sir John Girlington, Knt., of Thurland Castle; 2nd, to the daughter of — Howard, Esq., of Barnard Castle; and 3rd, to Eliz., daughter of Thos. Butler, of Kirkland, Esq. Henry Butler's grandfather Richard married Elizabeth, daughter of Thomas Stanley, of Great Eccleston, and on account of this and other such connections the Diarist would claim relationship to the family.

September 19.—Two Cosin Butlers dined with us, and affter din^r^ they went ffor Rawcliffe; in ye house the remainde^r^ of ye day.

September 20.—In the house alday; tuck two ounces off manna, wch did me good service; p^d^ pro manna, 1s.

Manna (a medicine still in use) was greatly esteemed and used by the Diarist. Manna is a term derived from a Chaldaic root signfying What is it? The children of Israel were supported by manna, but no article now called manna could have been the substance which bore the name of old. Medical manna has a sweet and slightly bitter taste, and acts as a gentle laxative; its purging property being due to the presence of a peculiar unfermentable sugar called Mannate, which may be extracted from it by boiling alcohol.

—— MYERSCOUGH LODGE: ——

STONE IN WALL OF STABLE.
BEARING SOUBRIQUET OF DIARIST:

SCROLL IN WALL OF OUTHOUSE:

ENLARGED INSCRIPTION ON SCROLL:

DRAWN BY F. BRAWN

September 21.—Alday in toune; affter 4, went a vissiting with Mrs. to sist^rs. Mr. Bentley, Mr. Gibson's, and Lawy^r Rigby's, and about 8, Tom Backhouse came, and satt with us 2 howers.

September 22.—Went in ye morning to Kirkland; dined there; from thence Cos. Butler went with mee to ye Lodge, in order to give directions about ye kitchen chimney being rebuilt; from thence I came back with him to ye hall bridge, where wee parted; I spent 3d. att Cockerham; soe home.

"Hall Bridge" must be the present Kirkland Mill Bridge, crossing the Wyre a little below the Butler's Arms, between Kirkland and Catterall.

September 23.—Alday in town; about 4, Tom Singleton called, and I went with him to ye King's Armes, where I spent 2s.; soe home and too beed; gave Lawrence Cutl^r 10s. to bye coles with.

Sepember 24.—P^d 4d. to Green wife for shoos mending, and 2d. ffor a lett^r carrying to Mun: Sickes; alday in the house, being severe rain.

"Mun" is the short for Edmund.

September 25.—Went towards Garstange; tooke Tom White with me; gave Mrs. 2s. 6d.; spent att New Hollins 2d.; p^d Betty Wakffeild pro litle gray galliway meat and ceur 1s. 6d.; spent 6d. with widow Butler; spent there, expecting Mr. Backhouse, in meat and drinke, 1s.; spent at Tib: Bradley's with Muncast^r, Jack Plesington, and Banister, 4d.; soe to Lodge and Michelchurch, but fforsed to drive over Justice's ffeilds, ye fflood so great in ye meadows; overtucke Will Hornby, John Hall, and John Butcher, off Martin; ye dito Butcher p^d mee 6s. 8d. pro a mortuary; I spent 1s. of them at Mat Storey's; soe to ffox hall.

John Plessington, Esq., of Dimples, near Garstang, was the grandson of William Plessington, of the same place, whose brother John (who assumed the name of Scarisbrick) was educated and ordained priest at the English College of St. Alban's the Martyr, in Valladolid, and afterwards came on the English Mission, residing many years with Mr. Massey, of Puddington, in Cheshire, and whose zeal in his office caused him to be seized, thrown into prison, and finally executed at West Chester, 19th July, 1679, for having taken orders in the Church of Rome, and remaining in this kingdom contrary to the statute of 27 Eliz.—The Diarist appears to have been stopped near St. Michael's Hall, the property of Justice Longworth, the neighbourhood of which, not many years since, was still liable to floods from the Brock and Wyre.—The Butchers held tythes of the Diarist, and the mortuary would be a gift by one of them at his death, as a recompense of his tythes not duly paid in his life-time.

September 26.—P^d pro ye land tax for Warbrick; p^d 11d. ffording; after dinner went to Bispham; spent with Dick Kellet, at Clarke's, 4d.; then wee went to Pickup's, and we sat with Capt. Veale till 10; spent 4d.; soe to ffox hall.

September 27.—Left ffox hall about 8, Tom White with mee; spent 2d. at Jo: Jonson's, and 2d. at Pilling Bridge; thence to Bror Frost's; dined there; and left him 3 dogs to entr—Warrior, Walkwood, and Jouler; went to ye High Gate, spent with him, ye Parson, Parson Beagett, and Jerry, 6d.; soe to Lanr.

The "Parson" would be John Winter, vicar of Cockerham; "Beagett," or Bagott, was afterwards vicar of Urswick.—"Jerry," or Gerald Frost, a few days before, had written the Diarist the following letter:—"To Thomas Tildesley, Esq.—Dear Brother,—This morning is hunted the buck promisd Mr. Rigby and Blackborne. Tis true I am here and shu'd be glad to se you, but not for any overflow of sport or skill there is to be showne, only to take perticular care that the deer be not stolen in a thornhedge, as quondam. I desire youll be soe kind as let me have the keeping of those three whelps you were speaking of, this winter, in hopes that it will be a motive to our constant meeting, wich I hope may tend to both our satisfactions, and compleat the hapiness proposed,—by Sr., your affectionate Bro., Gerrall Frost.—Pray my humble syrvis to good sister, and tell her I desire her acceptance of this, till I can send her a better.—Cockerham, Sep. the 21st inst: 1712."

September 28.—In the morning tucke Aggy behind mee to Aldcliffe, to prayrs, and the remaindr off the day att home; in the eivening spent 6d. with Will Hesketh and Capt. Veale; Will Nelson in beed att Robert Parkinson's.

Pillion-riding was prevalent at this time; and "Aggy" would sit on horseback, behind the Diarist.

September 29.—Gave Mrs. 2s. 6d., and about 11, left Lanr; thence to ye Hollins; ffound Bror ffrost hunting; saw him kill one hare; wee stayd at New Hollings one hour and halfe; pd pro mee and servant 1s. 6d.; thence to Kirkland all night.

September 30.—Dined at Kirkland; about three wentt with Sany to ye Kirktown; spent 6d. with him and Captt Banister and Parson Varring; thence to Kirkland.

"Kirktown" was Churchtown.—Thomas Wareing succeeded Henry Richmond to the Vicariate of Garstang, but at what date it does not appear. He was buried at Churchtown, where a stone records his memory, thus:—"Here lye the remains of the Rev. Thomas Waring, Vicar of Garstang, who died Oct. 20, 1722. Requiescat in pace."

October primo.—About nine, cosin Butler went with mee to meet ye tenents and Mr. Winckley and Whitingham, att Whitbull, where some of them made bargens, thoh very poor ones ffor ye Lord; Will Catrall pro Widow Bane 2d, and Hen: Simpson 3d., Seath Jolly pd 10d., and I 6d.; honest Dick Kellet and John Sturzacr came purposely to help mee, and Dick went with us to Kirkland.

The Diarist's estate in Myerscough appears to have been deeply involved in debt and to have been in the hands of mortgagees, or perhaps trustees under a settlement by himself and son, for, at this time, we find leases are given by Thomas Gibson, gent., Dame Frances Bathurst (widow of Sir Benjamin Bathurst, Knight, and daughter of Sir Allen Apsley, of Apsley, co. Sussex, Knight, by Frances, daughter and sole heiress of John Petre, of Bowkay, co. Devon, Esq., of the family of the barons Petre), Thomas Tyldesley, Esq., Edward Tyldesley, gent., Alexander Butler, Jonathan Blackburne, and Richard Whittingham, Esqrs.—Anne Bane, of Myerscough, was a Catholic non-juror in 1716. Her husband was a descendant of Cuthbert Bayne, of Sturzaker-infra-Myerscough, to whom, as it appears from a bond in our possession, dated 1635, the Diarist's grandfather was obligated in the sum of twenty pounds.

October 2.—Gave 8 majdes, and Ralph, each 1s.; meet Bro: ffrost att Winmarley; killed 2 hares; thence to ye Highgate; spent 6d. with Bro^r^ ffrost and Parson Baget; soe home.

The maids and Ralph were servants of Mr. Butler, at Kirkland Hall.—Winmarleigh is a township two miles N.W. of Garstang.

October 3.—Alday in toune; p^d^ 1s. pro 2 ounces off manna; p^d^ 8d. with a lett^r^ and spent 8d. with Mr. B——house, at Sarg^tt^ Benson's.

October 4.—Alday in my chamb^er^ taking phisik. About one, Mrs. Butler and Mr. Backhouse came, about Mrs. Butler's business, and wee ffixed the matt^r^; gave Mrs. 2s. 6d. pro house use.

October 5.—Alday in the house, till eivening, when my Mrs. and I went to young cos. Carus, where I was to be Godfather, and which was very remarkable; all the mall^s^ in the house were Thomas^s^, viz.:—ye Mr., ye son, Mr. T. Tay^r^, Mr. T. Anderson, Mr. T. Backhouse, Tom T:, and Tom White, my man; gave Mrs. Garswood 5s., the 2 mayds 2s. 6d. each, and affter a prety neet boull off punch drinking, wee went home.

October 6.—Went to meet Bro^rs^ Dalton and ffrost, att Ellal More; killed a reach of hares; thence Bro^r^ Frost, Mr. Baget, Mr. Corles, of Wior side, & I, went to the New Hollings; spent 8d. each; thence to Scorton, to a sayle of poor James Bradley's goods; saw Mr. Dunlop and Mr. Backhouse; stay^d^ there 2 how^rs^; Bro^r^ ffrost brought me back to New Hollings; spent 8d.; soe home.

A "reach of hares" means as many hares as could be come at.—Ellel is four miles south of Lancaster.—Wyreside is situated in the parish of Nether Wyresdale, in the parish of Garstang, about seven miles to the south of Lancaster. It is now the property of the Garnetts, and is an elegant mansion consisting of a centre and wings, the former having a pediment, and a portico supported by four handsome columns.—Scorton is a village in the township of Nether Wyresdale, three miles N.N.E. of Garstang.

October 7.—Alday in the house; Mr. Winder, my bro^r^ Dog Lad, dined with me.

From this entry, Mr. Winder, as well as the Diarist, appears to have adopted the nickname of Dog Lad, or perhaps a name given to them by their fellow huntsmen for their propensities in that direction.

October 8.—Alday in my chamber, bussy sending up a particull^{r} off ye tenents off Mirscough to ye Lord Bathurst and Mr. Gibson, by Bro^{r} West.; p^{d} 4d. pro stray, 2d. pro paper, and 2d. pro pottetows.

Allen Bathurst, eldest son and heir of Sir Benjamin, was created Baron Bathurst in 1711, and advanced to the dignity of an earl in 1772. He married, in 1704, Catherine, daughter and heiress of Sir Peter Apsley, knight, and died 16th September, 1775.—Mr. Gibson would probably be the same gentlemen from whom the Diarist rented his house in Lancaster.—Brother West was John Westby, Esq., of Mowbreck.

October 9.—Left Fox hall about nine; thence to Lodge; stayed there 2 houers, about my bulding ye old kitching up; thence to Eccleston, Martha Walshe's, gott my din^{r}, spent 6d; thence to Polton; spent 6d. att Jo: Jonson's; thence to Pickup's; ffound Cap^{tt} Veale, Jo: Hull, and Tho: Singleton there; spent 4d.; soe to ffox hall; gave Lawrence C'tler 1s.

October 10.—Affter din^{r} went to Pickup's; spent with Cap^{tt} Veal, Richd Butcher, and Tho: Singleton, 2d.; soe to ffox hall.

October 11.—Left ffox hall; call^{d} at Pickup's ffor a hare given mee by Cap^{tt} Veal; thence to Prishall; called of Cos: Hall, who gave mee a drame; thence to Parrocks, where Younge Bell gave mee an oth^{r} hare, and a good glass of brandy was given mee by his moth^{r}; thence to Lan^{r}.

Great Eccleston is six miles S.W. of Garstang, in the parish of St. Michael's. About this time the township was in its greatest prosperity, and was jocularly named "Little London," from the number of good families residing there, and also from the boasts of its clergymen, its lawyers, its artists, and the several trades carried on, such as tanners, maltsters, joiners, wheelwrights, ropers, rush dealers, &c., &c., nearly all of whom have long since disappeared, leaving a quiet country village, far removed from any railway, and consequently little disturbed by modern innovations and time's rapid changes.—Preesal-with-Hackinsall is a joint township, seven miles N.N.E. of Poulton. Parrox Hall, in this township, is now the property of Daniel Hope Elletson, Esq., to whom it has descended from the Hackinsalls through the families of Pickering, Butler, and Fyffe. The descent of the manor is as follows:—In the year 1199, John, Earl of Moreton, afterwards King John, granted 4 oxgangs iiijor Bovates Terrae in Preeshawe and in Hackenshaw to Robert de Hackenshaw, and later, 12 Ed. II, 1319, Giles de Hackenshaw (son of John, who was son of Allen de Hackenshaw) and Ellen, his wife, give, grant, and confirm to William, son of William de Preeshawe, certain lands in Preeshawe. In 9 Ed. III, 1336, John de Hackenshawe (son of Richard) and his son William, with his wife Alice, daughter of John de Bradkirk, levy a fine of the manor of Hackenshawe. In 10 Hen. IV, 1401, Richard de Hackenshawe, Abbot of Cockersand, appears to have been Lord of the Manor, and it was probably his niece, who temp. Hen. V. married James Pickering, Esq., who was living 26 Hen. VI, 1455. The issue of this marriage was four daughters and coheiresses, viz:—Margaret, the wife of Richard Butler, of Rawcliffe, Esq.; and the others, respectively, Thomas Aglonby, John Aglonby, and Nicholas Aglonby. Richard Butler, who became possessed of the estates of Hackinsall and Layton, *in jure uxore*, had issue—Richard who married Alice, daughter of Will. Westby, of Mowbreck; and Nicholas, of Rawcliffe. Richard had issue—Thomas of Hackinsall; George, of Rawcliffe, *o.s.p.*,; John, William, Matilda and Margaret, who both died unmarried. Thomas, by his wife Margery, daughter of—Ward, had issue—William Butler,

whose *Inq. post mortem* was held at Preston, in August, 29 Eliz., 1587, when he was found to be 76 years of age, and to have held one fourth part of the manor of Hackinsall; and Edward, *o.s.p.* William, by his wife Phillis, had issue—George, who married Hellen, daughter of — Downes, of Wardley; John, Thomas, Richard, and Edward, who all died young, and Anne. George had issue—William, who died 12 Feb. 1612, aged 23; Anne, Margaret, and Elizabeth. William, by his wife Hellen, daughter of Hugh Bamford, of Bamford, had issue—Henry Butler, of Hackinsall, Esq., whose marriage settlement on Margaret, daughter and coheiress of William Garnet, of Leigh, in Westmorland, bears date 22 July, James I, (1624); George, who died in infancy; Nicholas, John, and Robert. The eldest son had issue—William, who died in infancy; Hellen, daughter and coheiress, who married, in 1648, William Fyffe, of Wedacre, Esq., M.D., J.P. co. Lanc., aet 50, in 1665; Susan, married to John Knipe; Agnes, Mary, Sarah, and Catharine. William Fyffe had issue—Thomas, only surviving son, of Hackinsall, whose will is dated 12 March, 1694; Mary, coheiress to her brother, who married Mr. Bell, and had issue—a son, William Bell, gent., who died during the lifetime of his mother, when the manor of Hackinsall passed to the Elletsons; Katharine, the other coheiress to her brother, who married John Elletson, gent., of Lancaster, who, after the death of Mrs. Bell, resided at Hackinsall, and was the ancestor of the present possessor.

October 12.—Alday in the house; went to X to Cos. Westby; p^{d} 6d. pro two lett^{rs}.

October 13.—Almorning in the house; after din^{r} went with Mrs. to ye shoppes; and cosin Carus, Cos. Westby, here.

October 14.—Alday in the house; Mr. Knot with us; cos. Westby beeing here.

October 12 was Sunday, and the Rev. William Westby would no doubt say mass in the Diarist's house.—It is very likely that Mr. Knot was a priest. A *Thomas Knot* was a non-juror in 1716, and returned an annuity out of Thistleton. "Knot" is an abbreviation for Knottingham, or *Nottingham*, still common in the Fylde.

October 15.—Almorning in the house; affter non went to my gard^{n}; in the eivening spent 7d. att Ned Heysham's, with John Turton, cloth^{r}.

October 16.—Went early a huntting to Ellal More; met Dalton and Frost with Will Houghton; Dalton p^{d} 6d. at Gaugath, and I 3d., and Will Houghton one; wee came to Lan^{r}, where meet us Rob. Strickland and Rob. Houghton, new comen ffrom London; p^{d} 6d. att King's Armes, pro diner, and spent 1s. with dito company; soe home.

"Gaugath," or Galgate, is situated on the Lancaster and Preston high road, 4 miles S. of the former town.—Robert Houghton was a younger brother of John Dalton and Will Houghton; he was a monk.

October 17.—Alday in the house and my gardens, bussy transplanting colleflow^{r} and cabage plants; p^{d} 8d. pro two lettr^{s}; p^{d} pro doge meat 2d., and gave Mrs. 6d.

October 18.—Went early to meet Bror^{s} Dalton and ffrost att Cockshutt's; affter killing a hare, without sporte, wee went to Gaugath, Josua Tounson with us, who lent mee his bald nage; we spent 1s. 6d., us 8 each; thence

to Penistrete, where, with honest Corles, of Wire side, and Ned Pedder, att door, and spend 1d.; soe home; seeing Ned Heysham had much beuffe on his hands, I bought 84 pounds pro 5s.; soe home.

The "Penistrete" referred to is Penny-street, in Lancaster, a thoroughfare at the southern end of the town.—Baines says that Penny-street (often locally ascribed to Alderman Penny, but existing as early as Speed's map, *temp.* Elizabeth) discovers the old Penny Stone. By a deed, without date, William, son of Roger de Croftes, gives to the priory a portion of his land in the territory of the town of Lancaster, from one extremity of which runs the road leading to Penny-ston, while the other extremity lies towards the Depecar, which was probably the present Usher's Meadow.

October 19.—Alday in toune; went about 4 to see Mr. and Mrs. Bentley, with my Mrs.; stay^{d} there 2 hours; soe home; p^{d} 4d. pro a lett^{r}.

October 20.—Received £5 of Dick Kellett, and p^{d} as follows ———

The Diarist does not put what ought to follow, but leaves a blank space.

October 21.—Lefft Lan^{r} after I had dined off a ffine goosse; went with Hen. Farclugh away by Thurnham, in ord^{r} to take The Milles att Lan^{r}, but Dalton not att home; meet Mrs. and two girlles at Cock-ham Hall, to see Sist^{r} Frost, very ill; stay^{d} halfe an hour; thence to Nateby; gave Lawrence 2s. 6d.

"The Milles," or *The Milne*, stood on the brook arising from the font, spring, or well of Old Lancaster, which, with the Lune on the north, forms the boundaries of the land or island called *Greene Ayre*, or Green Area. At an early period it belonged to the Priory of Lancaster, which was subject to the great Augustinian Monastery of Syon, in Middlesex, and an interesting account of the *Water Mylle*, rebuilt by John Gardener, of Lancaster, appears in the leases by "the Abbess and Convent of Syon," in 1466 and 1469, and also in the survey of the abbey possessions, taken 2 Hen. VIII (1510-11). *The Mill* is marked on Speed's map, and appears then to have been owned by Robert Dalton, whose *Inq. post mort.* is dated 30 Eliz. (1587-8).—Cockerham Hall was the seat of Walter Frost, Esq.; it is now a farm house.

October 22.—Affter din^{r} cos. Laborn and I went to Neppy's, att Garstang, to meet Sany Butler, about Lodge affare, whither Will Richardson and Hen. Kirkham came to us; I p^{d} 1s. pro Sany Butler and me, and 2d. pro tobaco; thence to Natby.

October 23.—Went to Garstange with severall lett^{rs}; spent 1s., and p^{d} 1d. pro pap^{r}; p^{d} pro gloves to younge Goffe 8d.; thence wentt backe with cos. Layborne to din^{r}; and post prand: cos. Layborne and Will Richardson wentt with mee to Lodge, and to see old Hen: Madsley sicke; called at White Bull; spent 4d. of them; thence to Natby.

October 24.—Went with cos. Layborne a hunting with Sany Butler's hounds; Sany not returned from the election off the ballife of Lan^{r}: wee saw 2 brace killed, and went backe to din^{r} att Natby; after din^{r} Jack

L——rn and I went to see Tom and Will Richardson, where wee satt till past 6 a clocke; thence backe.

October 25.—Alday in the house, at Natby, it being very bitter could raine; in the eivening Mr. Will Richardson came and satt an howr; pd 4d. pro a lettr.

Nateby Hall, situated about a mile and a half north-west of Garstang, was formerly one of the seats of the Travers family, of Tulketh. William Travers, or his eldest son and heir Richard, aet. 23, in 1613, was living here at the Visit. St. George. The hall afterwards passed to the Leyburns. It is about half a mile south of Bowers House, and in both places there were Catholic chapels, which no doubt led to the local tradition that there still exists a secret underground passage between the two mansions.—Henry Kirkham, of Larbreck, and Elizabeth, his wife, were living in 1718; both he and his son Henry, also of Larbreck, were Catholic non-jurors in 1716.

Sherdy. October 26.—Went with Mrs. to Bowers to prayers, but Shirdy did not pray for our master. Just as wee had don dinr Bror Dalton, his lady, and Rob. and Nan Houghton came, who stayd till eivening, and just as they were goeing Bror ffrost and honest Need Reeder called off mee about Lodge busness; so sent for mee.

Bowers House, a fine old mansion situated in the township of Nateby, surrounded by woods and plantations, was the seat of the Green family. An upper room, formerly the chapel, and the hiding place, is approached by curious winding stairs. In 1767 we find it in the possession of John Wakefield, and in 1835 the property of Mr. Wakefield, from whom it was purchased by the late William Bashall, Esq., of Leyland. Richard Greene, of Garstang, was the surviving executor to the will of Thomas Lord Gerrard, of Gerrard's Bromley, Lord of the Manor of Garstang, proved at London, 12th May, 1618, and his d scendant Richard Green, of Bowers House, Esq., married Dorothy, eldest daughter of John Brockholes, of Claughton, Esq., whose son John married Anne, daughter of Thomas Westby, of Mowbreck and Bourne, Esq. Of this family were Roger and Agnes Green, Catholic non-jurors in 1716; the latter returning £63 3s. 8d. from an estate at Garstang in possession of Richard Whitehead. Another descendant, George Green, of Woodplumpton, married one of the daughters of Robert Haydock, of Cottam, and died s.p.; his will is dated 26th December, 1776; codicil 2nd January, 1777.—The Rev. Mr. Sherdy seems to have offended the loyalty of the Diarist in not praying for the welfare of the Pretender.—Anne Houghton was the sister of Mr. Dalton.

October 27.—Gave Ned Mally 1s. to get ye galliway shooed, and all day in the house, itt was such raine.

October 28.—Went early in the morning to prayrs at Hen: Madsley's; honest Mr. Gant being loyall; returned backe to dinr, where Hen. Threlfall dined with us; affter dinr left Natby; gave John 2s., and gave Mrs. 6s.; soe to Kirkland.

The Diarist appears to have been staying at Nateby Hall.—The Rev. James Gant, or Gaunt, was serving the Mission at Mowbreck, in 1727. There were several priests of this name (natives of Singleton) educated at Douay, and afterwards on the mission in the Fylde.

October 29.—Affter dinr went with cos Butler to the town, where wee meet parson Waring, and Capt. Banister ; spent 1s., viz., 8d. pro little Dicke Shutleworth, 4d. pro Capt. Banister, 8d. pro mee, and 2d. pro tobaco; thence back to Kirkland.

The "town" was Churchtown.—The south chancel aisle, in Garstang church, was formerly the burying-place of the Banastres, where several stones and inscriptions were found. There is still a brass in memory of Christopher Banastre, Esq., late of Preston, who died at Catterall (where it is probable the Captain lived) in 1649, aged 74.—Two or three Richard Shuttleworths were living in this part of Lancashire at this period. One was hanged on Gallow's Hill, in Preston, where he resided, 28 Jan. 1716, for his participation in the rebellion of the previous year.

October 30.—Wentt affowling with cos. Butler to Condr, and all over Cockersand ; Tepin with us ; in our returne found ye new marryd cuple, viz :—Cosin Margt. Fleetwood, and parson Robinson son, merchant ; they had with them Mrs. Roe and Mrs. Hall, Tim Hall, Tom Roe, and a younge parson, brothr to ye marchant ; I pd 6d. ; wee dranke in the morning.

Margaret, daughter of Richard Fleetwood, of Rossal, and sister of Edward Fleetwood, Esq., married, the son (apparently a merchant) of the Rev. Thomas Robinson, vicar of St. Michael's, who died in 1715.—Thomas Roe, in 1734, purchased the lordship and estates of Out Rawcliffe, confiscated from the Butlers. His only child Elizabeth, married John ffrance, of Little Eccleston Hall, Esq., (eldest son and heir of John ffrance, of the same place), and had issue an only son and heir, John ffrance, Esq., Lord of the Manor of Rawcliffe. He married Margaret, daughter and heiress of James Rigge, Esq., of Lancaster, and, dying without issue, devised his estates to Thomas Wilson, of Preston, solicitor, and his son Thomas Robert Wilson, both of whom assumed the name of ffrance. The family was descended from John ffrance, of Little Eccleston Hall, gentleman, who married in 1551, Alice, sister of Richard Gillow, of Bryning, gentleman, who, on the same date, married Mr. ffrance's sister Alice. It originally was seated at Greaves Town, in Ashton-upon-Ribble, where the remnant of the ancient property is still held by the present representative of the elder branch of the family, Mr. John ffrance, who in 1826, married Mary, daughter of Mr. John Gillow, of Elswick Grange, and had issue. —The Rev. Timothy Hall was presented to the vicarage of Poulton-le-Fylde, by Edward Fleetwood, 6th August, 1714, and died in 1726.

October ultimo.—Went to see old Hen. Madsley; bargened pro his teniment pro 101 ; returned to diner ; yong parson Robinson dined with us.

November primo.—Went a hunting with cos. Butler; meet a meny company ; killed a brace off hares ; went to ye White Bull with Sany Butler, Younge Lord Gabrll Hesketh, and honest Tho. Lucas, where Sany B——r and Gabr H : devoured all the pyes in the house, but not one mouthfull to us 8 poor pill garlickes ; spent 4d ; thence to Kirkland.

Gabriel Hesketh, of White Hill, Goosnargh, Esq., and his eldest son Cuthbert, took part in the Rebellion of 1715, "the result being that both they and Isabel (the wife of Gabriel) were attainted of high treason, committed before 1st June, 1716, and their estates were declared to be vested in the king."—*Fishwick's History of Goosnargh.* —Thomas Lucas, gent., of Barniker, married in 1695 Martha, daughter of William Leckonby, gent., of Elswick, fourth son of Richard Leckonby, Esq., of Great Eccleston and Elswick.—"Pill garlick" is an expression meaning a miserable fellow.

November 2.—Left Kirkland about nin; thence to Mr. Caton, to prayrs, and with young Lord and his sister Mary; ffrom thence to Rawcliffe, where Sany Butler dined with us, but hee and Dick Kellett went backe to Kirkland.

November 3.—Went in ye morning with younge Lord a hunting; killed a hare with fine sport, but returned to diner; affter din^r^ I rid beffor Mrs. to White Hall, a visiting with Rawclif family; in the eivening returned backe.

The 2nd was Sunday.—The "Young Lord" was Richard Butler, son and heir of Henry Butler, Esq., of Rawcliffe Hall. He was present at the battle of Preston, in 1715, taken prisoner, condemned, and his estates confiscated. He died in prison, at London, 16 Jan. 1716. By his wife Mary, daughter of Henry Curwen, of Workington, Esq., he left issue an only daughter, Catherine, heiress to Thurland Castle and estate. She married Edward Markham, of Ollarton, Esq., co. Notts., and died under age without issue. Mr. Markham, by a second wife, had issue two daughters, Mary, married to Francis Tunstall, of Wycliffe, co. York, Esq., and Catherine, a nun at Louvain, afterwards in the convent at Kensington, both living in 1821.—White Hall was the seat of John Westby, Esq., who married in 1709, Mary, daughter of Thomas Hawett, Esq., of Ormskirk, and grandaughter of Hugh Holland, of Raby, Esq. He was a catholic non-juror in 1716, and was killed in a mill, in 1728, leaving several sons and a daughter. White Hall, formerly called Upper Rawcliffe Hall, was purchased, in 1621, by Thomas Westby, of Mowbreck, from the family of Kirkby, and settled upon Major George Westby, his eldest son by his second wife. In this family it remained until recently, when it was sold to Mr. Stevenson, of Preston, and it is now converted into a farm-house, greatly modernised, and retaining little of its ancient appearance. It was a building of the time of Charles I., with mullioned windows, and two projecting bays on the north west front, and stood close to the river Wyre, being approached through a handsome gateway, a portion of which was in existence a few years since. It contained a chapel, and a place of concealment for Catholics.

November 4.—Hunted all day, till 3, but killed noe hare; wee went to ye cartffoard, where wee dined, viz.:—ye yng. Lord, Xop^r^ and Phillip Butler, & Rob^tt^ Hull; p^d^ 6d. pro din^r^, and 1s. apice; pro Will Mill^r^, Bro^r^ Fletewood's man, who came to see mee 1s.; p^d^ pro buckles, rassor, and a par of sissors 4s.; soe to Rawcliffe Hall.

There is now a wooden bridge at Cart Ford, which crosses the river Wyre between Little Eccleston-with-Larbreck and Out Rawcliffe. The inn is situated on the Little Eccleston side of the river, in that part of the township formerly called Gillas, a name derived from the family of Gillow, which settled here in the 17th century.—Christopher and Philip Butler were younger sons of Henry Butler, of Rawcliffe Hall.

November 5.—Gave Job & Will each a shilling; gave Mrs. 4s. 6d.; thence to White Bull, where I meet two trustys and 2 riffereys with severall other company, in order to make bargens with my tenents; 2 cossin Wadsworths with honest litle Dick Shutleworth were very kind in helping mee. Seath Jolly p^d^ 12s., and spent 4s. affter Dick Gorney and Dick Kitching had made bargens, and I oblidged the setlmen to stay untill not one tenent was there, y^tt^ they might have no pretence but y^tt^ I would have treated with them; thence to Kirkland.

Joseph and William Wadsworth were sons of Nicholas Wadsworth, of Haighton, who died in 1702. They took part in the affair of 1715; and Joseph, who lived at Catterall, was executed at Garstang, 14th February, 1716. They were descended from James Wadsworth, of Halifax, in Yorkshire, whose grandson John settled in, Lancashire, and was the grandfather of Nicholas (second son of Hugh, by his second wife), who married to his second wife the daughter of Robert Albin, of Whittingham, county Lancashire, and by this marriage obtained lands in Haighton, where he resided, and had issue Hugh; Robert, a priest; and Elizabeth, married first to John Singleton, and second to Thomas Carter. Hugh married Margaret, daughter of Christopher Townley, (second son of John Townley, of Townley, and Margaret, daughter and heiress of Sir Richard Townley), Knight, and had issue Nicholas, Robert, and Christopher. Nicholas, the eldest son, who resided at Haighton, and was thirteen years of age at the Visit., 1664, had issue the Diarist's two "cossins," Anne, living in 1722, and Dorothy, the wife of Richard Shuttleworth, of Brockside, gentleman, the "Little Dick" of the Diary.

November 6.—Gave Mrs. 6s., and gave Ralph, the grome, 2s.; thence we went to White-hill.

November 7.—Went with 2 cos. Hesketh a hunting, and ffell lame off the goutt.

November 8.—All day taking phisick to prevent ye gout, but very lame; sentt 6d. to Preston ffor tobaco and oyle of turnpintine.

November 9.—All day in my chamber, very lame; John Parkinson's wiffe and James Brand came to mee aboutt taking 2 tenimentts.

November 10.—Left Whitehill about one; gave the boy 1s. and Mrs. 4s.; soe to White Hall, to cos. Westby's, but left Winy for want of a horse.

Sir Thomas Hesketh, knight, Bencher and Reader at Gray's Inn, and Attorney to Queen Elizabeth and King James I., sometimes resided at Heslington, near York, which he purchased, and sometimes at Whitehill, in Goosnargh. He was the second son of Gabriel Hesketh, of Aughton, whose great grandfather, Thomas Hesketh, of Rufford, died in 1463. He left his estates to his younger brother Cuthbert, who lived at Whitehill, and was the ancestor of Gabriel, and his son Cuthbert, the "2 cos. Hesketh." Whitehill is now the property of George Hargreaves, of Leyland, Esq., and is occupied by a farmer. The arms of Hesketh, of Aughton, are engraved on a stone over the front door. Fishwick, in his History of Goosnargh, says—"A local tradition obtains that there formerly existed a secret underground passage from Whitehill to the Ashes. It is not difficult to imagine how such an improbable statement would be by many credited, as the Heskethe of Whitehill and the Threlfalls of the Ashes intermarried in the 17th century, and both families were Catholics, and both were engaged in plots against the State."—Winefrid was a daughter of the Diarist (born at Fox Hall, October, 1702), by his second wife Mary, daughter of Sir Alexander Rigby, of Layton, knight.

November 11.—Alday att White Hall, and in beed, but very lame.

November 12.—Gave ye boy 1s. and Mrs. 4s., and left White Hall about 12 a clocke; thence to William Corven's, to shew George Helme that estate; Dick Kellet with mee. I tucke Aggy with mee to ye old Hollinges alnight; very lame.

November 13.—In the morning Sany Butler came and brought with him John Parkinson, James Brand, and Tho. Wambsley, all wch made bargens ffor tenimentts. I p^d pro all 10s., and 1s. to ye servantts. My Mrs. and Dick Kellet came, and the eivening proveing very ranny wee stayed all night.

Agatha was one of the Diarist's daughters, by his second wife.—James Brand, of Myerscough, was a Catholic non-juror in 1716.

November 14.—P^d pro all 6s.; satte an hower with Duk^s Mr. Tayler; thence to Lan^r.

November 15.—In my rome alday; ffell lame off my hand; gave Mrs. a ginny to pay debts and wheat and meall with.

November 16.—Lame on my beed most of the day.

November 17.—Very lame in both ffeet. Mr. Backhouse came to mee about business. P^d 1s. pro white wine.

November 18.—In much paine. Cosin George Carus came business to mee.

November 19.—Very lame, and the goutt beginning in my right hand.

November 20.—In very much paine; not able to help myselfe.

November 21.—In the morning Mrs. waked me with the news y^tt George Rushton was comen, and had seased all from Mrs. Ashburner. George Carus came and was very kind in his assistance.

George Rushton was the Rector of Halton.—A Robert Ashburner, gent., was bailiff of Preston in 1711, and his only daughter and heiress married Richard Pedder, of Preston, whose father and namesake was mayor of that town in 1748 and 1756.

November 22.—Very painfull; gave Mrs. and Ned, to pay for wheat and meal, 6s. 6d.

November 23.—In my chamber alday, in much paine.

November 24.—Went a eyering; ffound Mr. Simpson, maj^r, hunting with Dalton, Bro^r ffrost, and Mr. Wilson of Ender Ley, Don, and a great deall of company; the killed a hare; so I went home.

The word "eyering" may come from the old word "eyre," meaning a journey or walk; or it may refer to the Diarist going out to catch hares.

November 25.—Outt of ord^r, tuck man: and very sicke all day.

"Man:" means manna.

November 26.—In much paine. In the eivening Mr. W: Walker brought one Walker, of Northumberland, who had marryed Mrs. Tyndell, 8 years

beffor, tho incog—o, and ye said Walker tould me hee had a desire to take an estate ond^r^ mee. Those 2, Mr. Houlden and Robert Birkett, satt 2 how^rs^ with mee.

November 27.—Very much out of ord^r^ and fforsed to clense my stomake by vomitting.

November 28.—Very ffull of paine in my left hand; applyed cabage leaves warme to it; was obliged, tho^h^ in paine, to write a longe lett^r^ to London, and cos. George Carus helped mee to ffix Holcroft particull^r^ with dito lett^r^.

The Diarist's son Edward appears to have lived at Holcroft at this time. The property was brought into the family by the marriage of the Diarist with Eleanor, daughter and one of the coheiresses of Thomas Holcroft, of Holcroft, Esq. Holcroft Hall was for ages the abode of the Holcrofts, the traffickers in monastic property in the reign of Henry VIII., and owners of Great and Little Woolden in 1595. Hurst Hall, in this township, now degenerated into a farm-house, was the residence of Thomas Holcroft, a member of this family, in 1692. From some letters published in the Norris Papers, vol. lx. *Chet. Soc.*, and from the remarks of the editor, it appears that the Diarist and his son were in treaty, in 1704, for the sale of Holcroft to Richard Norris, merchant, but it is evident the attempt failed. Although the estate was heavily mortgaged it remained in the family for a considerable time after the Diarist's death. His grandson, James Tyldesley, Esq., was living here in 1761.

November 29.—My stich eassior, and my left hand ffreeor ffrom paine; Rob. Birkett here, about Lodge business; Dick Nickson about his Mrs. business; and Mr. William Hornby about Ned Mally troblesome business with Mrs. Butler, ye Nance Lady, consarning ye mare and coulte. P^d^ Mr. Backhouse 15s. pro Hen: Wayles, and Tom Tayley, ye tay^r^, 10s., and Tom Kew 17s., & John Clarke 10s.; soe to beed.

November 30.—All day in my chamber much ffreeor ffrom paine.

December primo.—Affter din^r^ went to Ashton, and in my returne mett ye younge Lord and cos. Mary Butler, and brought them backe. Affter sup^r^ we went to see a ffrenchman play trickes; I p^d^ 1s. 6d.; soe home.

The "ffrenchman" would probably be a conjurer.

December 2.—Alday in my chamb^r^. Y^e^ younge Lord and cos. Mary here, and cos. George Carus came to us.

December 3.—It was past 2 beffor the servants returned ffrom the shew, wc^h^ siting up increased my paine. Butler, ye Lord, came not till past 5 ffrom Rob: Hutton's. I riss about 9, and affter we had got our breakfast itt was 12, and thinking ye Lord would not goe, I went to Ashton; but ye Lord and his sist^r^ wentt, as I was tould, soon affter.

December 4.—Riss early, and after Mr. Walker and I had gott our breakffast off p^n^ and b—e, I set fforwards to Natby, and returned to ye Cockes

to dinr, where I spent a shilling, thoh tuched noe malt drinkes, with Bror Dalton, Rob. Strickland, Rob. Houghton, Capt. Rigby, and Mr. Walker, I appointing ytt place purposely to doe some business ffor Mr. Walker, about Aldcliffe; soe home; gave Mrs. to by coals 2s. 6d.; cos. Bety Butler here.

Elizabeth Butler was daughter of Thomas Butler, of Kirkland, Esq., a captain of Foot under Charles, Earl of Derby, and sister of "Sany Butler." She became the third wife of Henry Butler, Esq., of Rawcliffe, but died without issue.

December 5.—Alday in my roome, not well affter my jorney. Pd 4d. pro a lettr, and 6d. pro nance. Mr. Walker came to see mee, but Hen: Wayles soone ffatched him away to doe business ffor him, as to Tom ffarnworth's business, and this was ye ffirst and all the vissetts Hen. Wayles had made H: W: De Parker. mee since May day, only when he had business or to trick mee as Teste: Mr. Parker business; B. B. here.

B. B. was "Betty Butler."

December 6.—Pd Tho. Dunderdall 2s. 4d. ffor getting turves, 2s. 3d. ffor setting part of ym in a stacke, att 6d. per diem. Gave 1s. 5d. to bye eges, ffish, potetows, &c. Went to ye Green Eyer ffor an howr; very pleasant wether. At my returne met Margery Nickson, at Stables, who helped mee up into my chambr. Rob. Birket here; cos. B. B. hear.

The Green Area, still locally pronounced Green Ayer, was formerly the property of the Priory of Lancaster, and is described in a deed, without date, as situated in the territory of "Old Lancaster." It is clearly defined on Speed's plan of Lancaster, taken *temp.* Elizabeth. Green Area is on the northern side, and forms part of, the borough of Lancaster.

December 7.—Alday in my chamber. Pd 8d. ffor a lettr ffrom Mr. Parkinson about Mrs. Ashborner's business.

December 8.—Alday in the house, in much paine. Paid 1s. pro whitwine.

December 9.—Alday in the house; something ffreor ffrom paine.

December 10.—Went to Thurnham to poor W: Houghton ffunerall, where most off the neghring gentlmen was. Wee carryed him to the Abbey, and returning home in the night incressed my paine by could. I lent cosin George Carus a horse to the buriall.

William Houghton, an officer in the army, was younger brother of John Houghton, who assumed the name and arms of Dalton. His father, William Houghton, of Park Hall, Esq. (ob. 1683), was the eldest son and heir of John Houghton, by Elizabeth, daughter and heiress of Edward Litchfield, of Ditton, whose father, Col. William Houghton, was killed at Newbury, in the Civil Wars. The Houghtons, or Hoghtons, of Pendleton, were a younger branch of the family of Hoghton, of Hoghton Tower. —The ruins of Cockersand Abbey are situated on the projecting land which divides the estuary of the Lune from the sands of Cocker. It was first a hermitage, then a

hospital for infirm brethren, under the government of a prior, dedicated to St. Mary, and subordinate to the Abbey of Leycestre, founded, or chiefly endowed, by William of Lancastre, *temp.* Hen. II., and lastly, about 1190, it was changed into an Abbey of Premonstratensian Canons. It was granted (1543) to John Kitchin, of Pilling, whose daughter Anne brought the possession into the Dalton family in marriage with Robert Dalton, of Bispham, the purchaser of Thurnham, in 1556. "It is said (observes Baines) that originally the monastery covered nearly an acre of land, but of these the octagonal chapter house, 30 feet in diameter, used for the burial place of the Daltons, alone remains entire. The roof by which it is covered, and which was repaired and covered with lead by the late John Dalton, Esq., is supported by moulded arches, a single, massive, finely-clustered column rising in the centre, and the walls are two feet and a half in thickness. The site is a rock of red friable freestone, which might once fortify it against the encroachments of the sea, but it is now often beaten against by the fury of the tides, and the bones of the cemetery washed out. The area of the ruins is strewed with parts of walls, massive stones, and fragmentary ornaments."

December 11.—Called att Thurnham, and stay^{d} Bro^{r} Frost's an how^{r}. Thence to Natby to vissitt y^{tt} sad cuple. Ffound Gab^{el} Hesketh there, and beffor din^{r} Doct^{r} Harden came, with whom I went as ffare as Cockerham. Stay^{d} 2 how^{rs} with Bro^{r} ffrost; thence home.

December 12.—Gott a violent paine in my left hand, occasioned by could ye last night. Alday in my chamb^{r}.

December 13.—My Mrs. and I went to ye funrall of Sist^{r} ffrost. Dick Kellet rid beffor Mrs. Stayed with Bro^{r} ffrost all the time, and till wee had just don att church, but incressed my pain by could soe much that I was fforsed to take 12 or 14 ounces off blood from the same arme.

December 14.—Doctor Harden dined with us. Alday in great paine. Cos George Carus came and sat with us.

"Sistr ffrost" was Mrs. Tyldesley's half sister.—The 14th was Sunday.—Dr. Edward Hawarden was born in the village of Appleton, of a family of good account. He went to Douay when very young, whilst Dr. Leyburn was president thereof, sometime between June 25, 1670, and 1675. He left Douay in the month of August, 1707, having been vice-president for five years. He was Doctor and Professor of Sacred Theology for 17 years, after two courses of philosophy, confessor, prefect of studies—all of which duties he performed with universal satisfaction; but he was unable to escape the remarks of people who both envied and calumniated him. His enemies, or rather the enemies of the college, charged him with holding Jansenistic principles, but he was honourably acquitted by Pope Clement. When sent upon the mission he resided for some time, as the Diary shows, in the north of England, and afterwards in London, where he mixed with all the literary men of the day, and was never molested for his religious opinions. He is said to have had a conference with Dr. Clark in the presence of Queen Caroline. He was a person of consummate knowledge in all ecclesiastical matters, scholastic, moral, and historical. Besides his published works, a list of which may be seen in Dodd, he composed a body of theology of near 20 years' labour, which was preserved in MS. at Douay, previous to its confiscation at the first French Revolution. He died on the 23rd of April, 1735.

December 15.—Seased with violent paine in my left hand and arme, both collor boans, and both sholders. Rob: Birkett called off mee in his way to Lodge, hee designing to leas ffor a tenimentt.

December 16.—In great paine. Rob. Birket called in his returne, and told me what was don att Whit Bull about making bargens. After dinr Bror Dalton, Rob. Strickland, and George Carus, came and satt with mee 2 howers.

December 17.—In very great paine in both hands, &c., alday, tho forsed to write 3 lettr pro Hen: Wayles.

December 18.—Something better in my right hand and writ another letter ffor Hen. Wayles about ye goale. After dinr Jack Layborne and Mr. Holden came and satt 2 howers with mee, and he went afterwards to Heysham about gathering his rennts.

Mr. Leyburne held property in Heysham.

December 19.—Something eassyr off the gout but in paine with the gravell. In the eivening honest Ned Winkley came to see mee, and sat an howr; Tom Backhouse and Mr. Holden with him.

December 20.—My paines eassier—both gout and gravell; good God be praised; thoh in the eivening my gravell returned. Edm. Sickes, the jockey, came to see mee, and brought one Wanewright with him, a fforenr.

December 21.—In paine of my left arme and right knee, occasioned by the snow meltin and the severity of the angry wethr. In the eivening H. N. Winckley returned from Bardsey, and brought his brother Gradell and Mr. Holden to sup with us, who stayed till past nine, very kindly.

By "H. N. Winckley" the Diarist means "honest Ned Winckley."—Ned Winckley's "brother Gradell" would probably be William Gradell, the mayor of Preston, whose father, Christopher, had married to his second wife one of the Winckleys, of Bannister Hall. The following is extracted from an original pedigree entitled "The Pedegree of the Gradells of Barbles more in Ulnes Walton, within the paryshe of Croston, in the countye of Lanc:"—

Thomas Gradell, of Bardles More, had issue—Richarde, of whom hereafter; Roberte, alias Robyn, who married and had issue a son Edwarde; Edward, of Croston in ye Nucke, who married and had issue—a son Roger; Ellen, who married Myles Sumpner, of Ulnes Walton; and Genet who married William Sharpulls, of Modysley. Richarde, the eldest son, had issue—Thomas; Crystofer, a prest, vicar of St. Mychaells Churche; William, who married, first, the daughter of Shorrocke, of Runsheye, and second, Cislye Chernocke, and left issue by both marriages; Elizabeth married to William Tompsome, of Leylond; and Merye, married to John Ealeston, of Ealeston. The eldest son Thomas, by his wife, Margarett, had issue—Henrye, who married Margere Croston, of Croston, and had issue—Thomas, who had issue three children, Richarde, who had issue two children, and George, who had issue three children; Christoper, of whom hereafter; Agnes married to Richard Jackson, of Ulnes Walton; Genett, married to Will. Bowker, of Byspham; Elizabeth, married to Roberte Jackson, of Muche Hoole; Margery, married first to Thomas Banester, and second to Thomas Starckye, of Leylond; and Jane, married to Richard Roe, of Roemoss, a younger brother. Christofer Gradell, the second son, by his wife Jenet Chernocke, had issue

—Christofer who died in infancy; William, of whom hereafter; Christopher, who married Cysly Hesketh, of Rufford, and had issue five children; Roger, who married and had issue six children; Richard, who married Margaret Hesketh, of Rufford, and had issue six children; Elizabeth, married to Thos. Blaxtones; and two Janes, who both died in infancy. William, by his wife Alyce, daughter of Richard Bolde, of Curdley, had issue—Christofer, who married Elizabeth Bispham, of Billinge, of whom hereafter; Peter; Richard; another brother who went into France, A.D. 1635; John, Thomas, Stephen, Susan, Marye, and Anne. Christopher had issue—William, of whom hereafter; Thomas; John; Susan; and Anne, who died in infancy. William had issue by his wife Elizabeth, daughter of John Butler, of Kirkland—Christopher Gradell, of Barbles More, Esq., who married first, the daughter of —— Nelson, of Fairhurst, and second, the daughter of —— Winckley, of Banister Hall, Esq. By his first wife he had issue—a daughter married to Mr. O'Neal, of the kingdom of Ireland; Mary, married to Theophelus Taylor, of Standish; and Anne, married to Humphrey Orrell, of Blackbrook. By his second wife, Christopher had issue—William Gradell, Esq., Mayor of Preston, in 1711–12, and 1720–1, *o.s.p.*; Richard, *o.s.p.*; Christopher, *o.s.p.*; and Dorothy.

December 22.—Something bett^r off my gout butt ill off ye gravell. Cos. Butler off Kirkland sent Ralph with a roull off brawen w^h was a kinde presentt; gave Ralph 1s.

A "roull of brawen" means what we should call now a piece of collar brawn.

December 23.—Ill in ye gravell; tucke the bitt^rs about one. Bro. Dalton and George Carus came to see mee and satt an hour. In the evening Hen. Wayles and his wife came, and tho^h Hen. had made a bargen cheap^r by much what the one halfe, yet hee's never to be pleased, faw grumbler.

Wayles Mrs. memorandum.

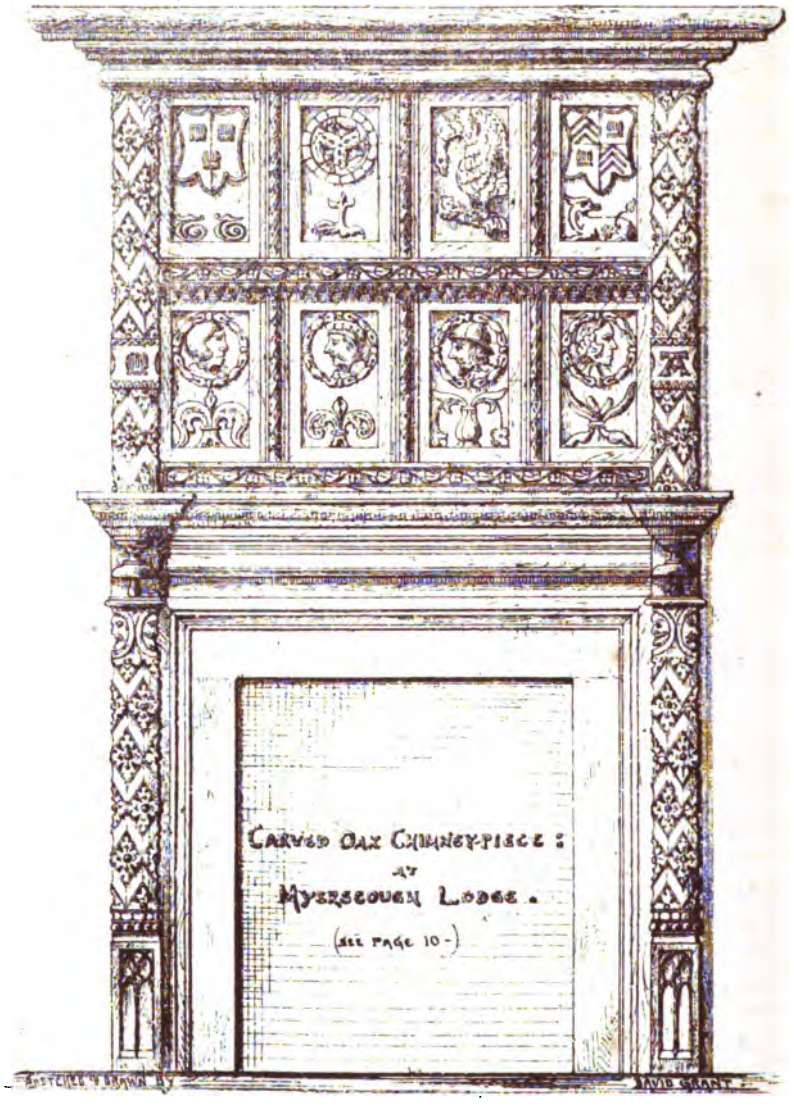
"Fawgrumbler" is a willing or ready grumbler.

December 24.—Writ to lett^r per post ffor Hen. Wayles, viz.—to Ned. Winckley and Bro^r Drake about ye goale. John Wallas, ye smith, came, and I p^d him 19s. 6d., and soe too beed.

"Ye Goale," would be Lancaster Castle.

Xmas Eive.—Almorning in paine of the gravell and some symptoms off the goute. Mr. Walker dined with mee of butt^red eges. Hee had been att Thurnham, who told mee Mr. Morley put him off about his ffarme of Aldclifie till ye next weeke.

Mr. Morley was probably Mr. Dalton's steward. The Manor of Aldcliffe formerly belonged to the Priory of Lancaster, and after the Reformation became the property of the Daltons, of Thurnham. It belonged to this family in 30 Eliz., and a moiety of it was conveyed in marriage by Dorothy, youngest daughter and coheiress of Robert Dalton, Esq., to Edward Riddell, of Swinburne Castle, Northumberland, Esq. The remainder, being left for the support of the secular clergy, was confiscated to the crown for the third time, and by the crown was first let and afterwards sold to the family of Dawson, about the year 1713. In pulling down the old hall, in 1817, a stone it is said was found inscribed, "*We are Catholic virgins, who scorn to change with the times.*" This undoubtedly refers to the seven daughters of Robert Dalton, Esq., by Elyza, daughter of Will. Hulton, of Hulton Park, co. Lanc., Esq., who was the eldest son of Thomas Dalton, and Ann his wife, daughter of Sir Richard Molyneux, of Sephton. Robert Dalton's son Thomas was the Colonel of horse who died from wounds received at the second battle of Newbury. He was the grandfather of the two coheiresses, Elizabeth and Dorothy, between whom the Manor of Aldcliffe was divided.



CARVED OAK CHIMNEY-PIECE :
AT
MYRESCOUGH LODGE .
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SKETCHED & DRAWN BY DAVID GRANT

Xmas Day.—Doct^{r} Harden pray^{d} and dined with us; I very lame.

December 26.—In my roome all day, and full off could and paine.

December 27.—Alday in my room, somthing ffreor ffrom paine. Cos. W: W: here.

December 28.—Went to X to cos. W: W; alday in the house.

The last date was Sunday.

December 29.—Alday in the house. Cos. W: W: with us all day. Cos. George Carus dined with us and stay^{d} till eivening.

December 30.—Alday in the house. Cos. W: W: tould John Parkinson what bass reportts and lyes Hen. Threlfall, Cocker, had tould George Helme off me, wch prevented George Helme ffrom leasing about £800 worth off ground, and honest John Parkinson very justly tould cos. W: W: y^{tt} he was possitively cirtan all that Hen. Threlfall had s^{d} were damnable ffalse caluminys and lys.

Hen. Threlfall & George Helme memodm.

December 31.—Wentt with John Parkinson as ffare as Conder Green where I meet Mr. Tay^{r}, his bro^{r} Rich^{d}, and Tom Kirby. Spentt 10d. off servants, but dranke non; so home; very could eivening.

Thomas Kirby, of Westby, was a Catholic non-juror in 1716.

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January primo.—Went with Mrs. to Thurnham to pray^{rs}. Gave John Holte 1s., and Beesley another. Went to Natby att night. Gave the boy who went with us and tucke Oliver backe, 1s.

January 2.—After din^{r} went with cos. Layborne to ye Kirktoune to meet Sany Butler and the tenentts; made a bargen with Antony Lund pro £80; spent 8s.; so back to Natby.

Anthony Lund resided at Midge Hall, in Myerscough. The estate was purchased in 1707, by his father, James Lund, then of Woodplumpton, from Thomas ffanshaw, of London, gent., who was second son of William ffanshaw, of Parslower, co. Essex, Esq. James Lund entailed the estate on his eldest son and heir, Anthony, whose son and heir, John, probably disposed of it. The latter afterwards lived at Barton Park, and was one of the benefactors of Newhouse Chapel.

This singular individual directed in his will that if his widow, who was a Protestant, married again, she should have £20 a year more than would be her share if she kept single, as he said, in order that "somebody else might be bothered with her as I have been." He was the father of the Very Rev. Anthony Lund, V.G., of Fernyhalgh, a wonderful man, about whom many singular stories are told of his labours to this day, in the district. The present chapel at Fernyhalgh, of which he was Missionary Rector for 38 years, was built and endowed by him, chiefly out of his own patrimony. His brother John, of Barton, married Jane, daughter of Mr. Arrowsmith, of the same place, and had issue a numerous family, of whom his eldest son and namesake, likewise of Barton, was the grandfather of Mr. John Lund, of Manchester, who has issue a son Anthony. There were several priests members of this family. The Rev. John Lund (cousin of the Rev. Anthony) served the mission of Cottam for 43 years, and died 24th June, 1812, in the 80th year of his age and 54th of his priesthood. Another Rev. John Lund, educated at Ushaw College, died 25th June, 1838. He was the only son of John Lund, of Bartle, in Woodplumpton.

January 3.—In the house all day, itt being very could, and I much in paine off my left hand. Gave Ned Mally 1s. 6d. to get ye horses ffrosted and shooed.

January 4.—Very lame, in the house, it beeing severe could day.

January 5.—Much lamr and in paine; in ye house alday.

January 6.—Gave Mrs. 6s.; left Natby affter dinr; gave John 2s.; thence to Lanr.

January 7.—Cos: Betty Butlr went home, and Sammy Corbishly dined with us.

January 8.—In much gratr paine; sentt Ned Mally with a cheese to Natby, and with ye horse Jacke to sell at Preston; gave him 1s.

The principal horse fair in Preston, called "Great Saturday horse fair," is held during the first whole week after the Epiphany.

January 9.—Trobled with a ffowle stomach; tuke 8 vomitts; godson Layborne called of us from Cumberland.

January 10.—Blooded in ye right arme ffor a could and stich; and Tom Tomlinson, barber, who shaved mee, was ffrighton with the sight of ye blood.

January 11.—My stich not removeing, Mrs. tuke ffrom the left arme 12 ounces—as bad as the other.

January 12.—In paine all over; Mr. Walker came hithr about Aldcliffe.

January 13.—Very ffull off pain, and not able to writ; Thos Antony, the cobler, ffrom Garstange, brought mee an account of a good tenent ffor the ffarming Lodge.

January 14.—Something eassy^{r} ffrom paine. Cos. Buckley and Justice Pearson came to see mee; Cos. Tho. Walton dined with us.

Luke Pearson, Esq., of Gressingham Hall, in the parish of Lancaster, may have been the "Justice" referred to. He enlarged the Hall a few years later, and it is now in the possession of F. Pearson, Esq., of Storrs.

January 15.—Alday in much paines and helpless.

January 16.—Affter din^{r} cos George Carus came and tould mee hee had spoken to Mr. Bordley pro moneys pro Lodge Mortgage.

William Bordley, of Cockerham, was a Catholic non-juror in 1716.

January 17.—In much paine, and on the beed alday.

January 18.—My paine incressing seassed most joynts in my body, viz.: —both ankles, both knes, both hands, both elbows, both shouldr$_{s}$, and both coll^{r} boans; God knows all at once; all this occasioned by could gotten in y^{e} great rome at Natby, y^{e} 3, 4, and 5th instantt.

January 19.—Helpless and in great paine; alday on y^{e} beed.

January 20.—Something ffree^{r} ffrom paine, and my right hand gave mee some helpe.

January 21.—Much eass^{r} and sitt up most off the day; my right hand much eass^{r} wt^{h} w^{h} I writ a litle lett^{r} off business, tho^{h} with paine.

January 22.—My paine abatted in severall joynts, but y^{e} worst in the left hand.

January 23.—About noon cos Butler, off Kirkland, sent mee word yt^{t} hee was comen to toun to state accounts betwixt Mr. Backhouse and Mrs. Butler, off Scorton, and in the eivening hee, shee, Mr. Record$_{r}$, and Tom Backhouse came to my roome and ffixed all mattr$_{s}$, and Mr. Gibson and Mr. Backhouse were witnesses to my passing y^{e} accountts off Lodge mortgage.

Scorton, Mrs. Butler.

January 24.—Mrs. Butler sent her man in the morning with 2 bottles off brandy as a present, but reffused them, and sentt her word pro man yt^{t} woold not make amends ffor her bas ussage; in the eivening shee arrested my servant, Ned Mally, whom I balled, and p^{d} 8s. 5d. to the toun's clarke and sergt.

January 25.—Much eass^{r} from paine; Mrs. Butler's man Dicke came and tould, in ye house, yt his Mrs. was yett in ye toun, and had been merry most of ye night.

It is difficult to distinguish who this Mrs. Butler was, for there were many families of Butlers at this time. It is likely, however, that she was some connection of the Kirkland family.

January 26.—My paine returned, occasioned by the bad weth^{r} ; my godson Layborne came to see us and stay^{d} all night with us in his way ffrom Natby to Comberland.

January 27.—In much paine occasioned by the bad weth^{r} off ang^{r} winde and vast great snow, w^{h} ffell in great ffleakes, licke ye largest off goose quills, wch oblidged my godson to afford us his acceptable company an oth^{r} night.

January 28.—Much eass^{r} ffrom paine. My godson went towards Westmorland.

January 29.—Much ffree^{r} ffrom paine in my limes, tho^{h} much trobled with a ffowle stomache and winde. Cos. George Carus, in the evening, came to tell mee y^{tt} ye nextt day, at 4 post p—dum, Mr. Bordley would bee with mee about ye moneys, &c.

January 30.—My paines in severall joynths returned, and I was much out off ord^{r}, and fforsed to lye on the beed all affter non. About ffour cos Jo: Carus and Mr. Bordley came, and sett by mee 8 how^{rs}, whilst I lay on the beed.

January 31.—Tuke manna. Cos. Gab^{r} Hesketh came to us about ye Lodge affer, beffor I was up. Mrs. Beardsworth brought Mrs. 8 ffatte hens ffrom Dick Gorney, and came up to see me. In the affter non old shee cos. Carus came to see mee. In ye eivening cos. G^{bll} Hesketh wentt to Natby, and cos. W: Westby came here.

"Old shee cos. Carus" was Mary, relict of Christopher Carus, Esq., of Halton, The family of Carus was descended from William Carus, of Ashwate, Westmoreland, whose son and namesake married Margaret, daughter of — Wilson, of Staveley, gent., and had issue William of Ashwate, Christopher, and Robert. The eldest son, by his wife Isabel, daughter of Thomas Leyborne, of Cunswick, co. Westmoreland, gent., had issue—Sir Thomas Carus, Justice of King's Bench, vix. visit. 1567, who married Katherine, daughter of Thomas Preston, of Preston Patrick, Westmoreland, Esq.; Adam, a clerk; Robert, Christopher, and Richard; Ellen, uxor Randall Washington, of Sapp, in Westmoreland, gent.; Ann, uxor Christopher Nicholson, of Crook, in Westmoreland; Jane, uxor John Sawrey, of Plumpton, in Westmoreland; Elizabeth, uxorRoger Smith, of Kendal; and Margaret, uxor Christopher Saunder, of Furness, in Lancashire. Sir Thomas had issue—Thomas, of Kendal, who married Anne, daughter and heiress of Wilfrid Preston, of Old Biggin, Westmoreland, Esq., and had issue a daughter and heiress Elizabeth, married to Sir Nicholas Curwen, of Workington, in Cumberland; Richard; Sir Christopher, the purchaser of the Manor of Halton, in Lancashire; Mary, uxor. Henry Keighley, of Inskip, whose daughter and coheiress, Anne, married Sir William Cavendish, of Hardwick, created Baron Cavendish of Hardwick, May 4, 1605, and, in 1618, advanced to the dignity of Earl of Devonshire, the ancestor of the present Duke of Devonshire, in whose family still remain the Manor of Inskip and other Keighly inheritance; and Elizabeth, uxor. Thomas Thornborrow, of Hampsfield, co. Lancashire, son and heir of Sir William Thornborrow. Sir Christopher Carus married the daughter of Christopher Philipson, of Colgarth, in Westmoreland, and died in 1633, seized of the

Manor and advowson of Halton. He left Thomas, Christopher, Catherine, uxor. John Leybourne, of Witheralack, and Elizabeth, uxor. Thomas Danby, of Leek, Esq. Thomas, the eldest son, marrried 1st, Anne, daughter of Miles Middleton, of West Hall, in the parish of Whittington, gent, where it appears Mr. Carus resided in the time of James I., and by this marriage had issue Thomas, Christopher, John, Brian, Wilfrid, settled in London, Frances, uxor. Thomas Pickering, of Crosby, Westmoreland, Esq., Lucy, uxor. John Norton, of Dockin, and Margaret. The 2nd marriage was with Mary, daughter of Thomas Stanley, of Eccleston, Esq., the issue being a son George, born in 1650. The eldest son, Thomas, married Margaret, daughter of Thomas Middleton, of Leighton Hall, Esq., and was the father of Christopher, William, and Katherine, uxor. Richard Butler, of Rawcliffe, Esq. Christopher, born in 1636, married Mary, daughter of Richard Stanley, of Great Eccleston, Esq., and left two sons, Thomas, born in 1661, (who had issue Christopher and Thomas), and George, the "cos" of the Diary.

February primo.—Cos. W: W: had a great many ffriends who came to see him, and honest Dick Gorney came purposly to tell mee what Shawe desind to do with the new tenents, and stay[d] alnight with us.

Dick Gorney versus Shawe.

The 1st was Sunday.

February 2.—Early in the mornin[g] Mrs. and honest Dick Gorney sett fforward to Preston with a little boy borrowed ffrom Hen. Westby. I went to X to cos. W: W:, who stay[d] alnight with me ffor company.

February 3.—In much paine; cos. W: W: left me about one, and then came Dick Kitchin and David Cross about his teniment, being much dissatisfyed with Shawe's way of proseeding.

William Shaw was an attorney at Preston.

February 4.—My paines decressed; cosin Butler, off Kirkland, having business to y[e] toun sayt off Whitington ffor cos. Carus, came to see mee.

As shown in the pedigree, Thomas Carus resided at West Hall, in the township of Whittington, temp. James I., and apparently was brought into the family by his marriage with the daughter of Miles Middleton, and no doubt was the same property as that alluded to in the Diary.

February 5.—Tuke manna; had 19 stoolls; Mr. Knot keept mee company allday.

February 6.—Very ill trobled with gravell. Mr. Holden came to see mee, as did Mr. Knot, and affter them the kimistt.

February 7.—Very ill pained with the gravell; cos. Tom Carus came to see mee, and affter him, George Carus, his unkle.

February 8.—Alday in paine with gravell; Mr. Holden and Knot sat with mee 2 how[rs], and Hen. Wayles and wife suped with mee.

February 9.—Alday in much paine with gravell. In the eivening Mr. Bardworth came and sat with mee, and about 7 Mrs. came ffrom Prestcn.

February 10.—Something eassr from gravell. In the eivening Mr. Holden came and satte with mee.

February 11.—In the morning Ralph Jackson came to take Cross of ye Parke, and 26 acres, and as hee was att dinr came Bror Dalton, his lady, and ye admirall, and sat 2 howrs with us.

"Cross of ye Parke" was the name of a farm in Myerscough, not far from Midge Hall.

February 12.—Alday in much paine occationed by the angr wethr; John Parkinson here, ill ffoxed by Georg Carus means.

"Ill ffoxed" means "made very drunk."

February 13.—Freer ffrom paine; John Parkinson went homeafter I had made him a bargen of Nobtt of the Boogs, 8 acres. In the eivening Bror Penington and Madam Gibson came to see us, and Dick Gurney stayd till night, but went home.

The Boogs is the name of some fields in Myerscough.—A Thomas Penington, of Thurnham, was a Catholic non-juror in 1716, and may have been the "Bror Penington" referred to in the Diary.—Madam Gibson would be the wife of Robert Gibson, Esq., recorder of Lancaster.

February 14.—My paine returned; Ralph Nickson came to speak to mee about the Lodge affare.

February 15.—In much paine; Dr. Harden prayd here; hee, younge cosin Carus and his wife, Mr. Holden and his wife, dined with us.

The 15th was Sunday and Dr. Harden, or Hawarden, said mass in the Diarist's house.

February 16.—Tucke phissick, viz.—2 ounce of manna and a dram off ye cream off tartar; Ben Corner came about non and stayd all night with mee; very sick with my phissicke; had 27 stooles.

Rob. Fog from Mr. Shawe pro 65—memorandum. Fletewood—Sr. and Harry.

Sir Richard Fleetwood, Bart., of Colwick, co. Stafford, was the Diarist's cousin, his father, Edward Tyldesley, having married to his first wife, Anne, daughter of Sir Thomas Fleetwood, of Colwick, Baron of Newton, in Lancashire, who was son of Sir Richard, of the same place, created a Baronet by James I. This Sir Richard was the son of Thomas Fleetwood, Lord of Walton and Newton (by Mary, daughter of Sir Richard Sherburne, of Stonyhurst), son and heir of John Fleetwood, of Penwortham, by Joan, daughter and heiress of Thomas Langton, Baron of Walton and Newton, whose younger brother Thomas Fleetwood, of Vach, in Bucks, was the ancestor of the family of Rossall Hall.

February 17.—In the morning Ben. Corney left mee after wee had bargened pro Wood End ground, at £4 10 pr ann., and his tenentt or servant is to have a beast gatte ffor his care and tending ytt gate, wch sd tenentt is to pay mee two days worke and 2 hens yearly. Doctr Harden dined with us, as did Mrs. Proctr and Jane Ormondy.

February 18.—Something eassr from paine. Ralph Jackson came and John Hathorntwate with him; I set him Cross's of ye Parke and 26 acres. In the eivening Tom Wambsley came about taking ye ffence ffoott tenimentt.

Wood End is a small farm in Myerscough, about ¾ of a mile to the N W of The Lodge, and a short distance from Old Brock Bridge.—A beast-gate is a right of pasture for one beast—a mode of occupying certain lands by several persons, formerly much in vogue in the Fylde.—John Hathornthwaite, of Catshaw, adjoining Hathornthwaite, in Upper Wyresdale, gentleman, was a Catholic non-juror in 1716.

February 19.—In the morning sent Ned Mally to Kirk Town about his brothr Frank's bargen; gave him a shilling. Jacke Layborn dined with us, in his way to Heysham.

Francis Malley, brother of the Diarist's servant, was a Catholic non-juror, returning £6 10s., from an estate at Myerscough, in possession of Robert Chester:—"19 Ap. 1717. I ffrancis Mally, of Maynes, husbandman, one messe in Myerscough, called Davys, by Lease to me by Thomas Gibson, gentlemen, Dame ffrances Bathurst, Thomas Tyldesley, Esq., Edward Tyldesley, gentleman, Alexander Butler, Jonathan Blackburne, and Richard Whittingham, Esquires, for 21 years from 2 ffeby 1712" (1712-13). *V. Regr* Roman Catholic Estates.

February 20.—New paines occasioned by could. Mr. Holden came and satte with mee.

February 21.—In much paine in both, occasioned by could coming in att the ffeet of ye beed in ye night.

February 22.—Something eassr by keeping warme and sweating. In the morning old cos. George Carus came to see mee, and satt alday, till night, with mee; Black Tom Parkinson came about the Highr Light Ashes.

The Higher, or Farther, Light Ash is a farm close to Myerscough House, and about a mile from the Lodge.

February 23.—Much eassr, the great God be glorifyed and praised; Tom Taylr came and wee had halfe an hourss discorse about Capt Rigby's receiveing a lettr ffrom Dutches Hambleton's hand.

Elizabeth, daughter and heiress of Digby, Lord Gerard, of Gerards Bromley, was the widow of James, Duke of Hamilton, who had been killed, in the previous year, in a duel with Lord Mohun.

February 24.—Mrs. and two girlls went a ffoot to Aldcliffe, it being Sant Matthew's day; alday in my chambr.

February 25.—In the morning Doctr Harden, Jemmy Layborne, and Mr. Royden came to see mee, as did Mr. Aplbon and Mr. Holden in ye affternon.

The Rev. Thomas Roydon, V.G., was ordained priest at Douay College, 9 Oct., 1692. In August, 1732, he visited Douay, and from a note in the College Diary it appears that he was then 70 years old, and had been on the mission 40 years.

February 26.—In much paine; tuke manna which worked mee severely, tho but 2 ounces.

February 27.—Tom Edsforth here, to make mee ticking gammassas; Mr. Backhouse here twice, to find the way to Haxey, in the Ille of Axholme, in Lincolnshire, wch I showed him in ye quartt-mast^r^ maps.

"Gammassas," or *Gamashes*, are short splatter-dashes worn by ploughmen.—Haxey is a parish in Lincoln, eight miles north-west of Gainsborough. The river island of Axholme derives its name from Haxey, which, Camden says, was anciently called Axel.

February 28.—About noon Dicke Gorney came and brought Margery Picke; cos. Jo. Wadsworth dined and stay^d^ all night; Dick went to Mr. Beardsworth's, where hee was therrowly cut by Sr John B——corne.

M. Pick.

"Therrowly cut" means completely inebriated.—William Beardsworth, or Birdsworth, a great friend of the Diarist, was an attorney in Lancaster. From a letter of his, dated 3rd February, 1716, to Mrs. Tyldesley, at Ormskirk, the widow of the Diarist, it appears that he was then governor of Lancaster Castle, but how long he had held this office we know not.

March Primo.—Went to X, cos. W:W: Jos. Wadsworth dined and stay^d^ all night with us; but honest Dick Gorney, affter din^r^, went home. Gave Tomlinson, barber, 6 pence.

March 2.—Cos. W:W: here, and John Watson dined with us. In the morning cos. Jos. Wadsworth went towards Hutton; in ye eivening Will Hesketh came to see mee and satte 2 how^rs^; his man Frank I made stay untill I was in beed.

Hutton, or Priest Hutton, is a township nine miles NN.E. of Lancaster. Baines says, "The *Hotun* of the Domesday survey was a manor in *Sterealand*, and belonged to the Saxon, Gilmichel."—Frank Malley was Mr. Hesketh's man.

March 3.—Cos. W:W: went homewards after eleven, and old Hen. Westby came and satte with mee 2 how^rs^. Sent Ned Malley to Fox Hall, and to look after tyeths; gave him 2s. 6d. Mr. Holden came and satte with mee till past nine at night.

March 4.—In much paine; not well able to move; about non Lawrence tould me that I might not have the bargin of ye barne from George Foxcrofft, stone man, for y^tt^ Mr. Bryors would not part with it^t^; I p^d^ 1s. pro a locke, and hunge on ye gatte.

March 5.—Not very eassy att my stomack; tuke two ounces off manna and had 23 &c.; both Mr. Holden and Mr. Knot came to see mee.

March 6.—About noon Cos. Hesketh, off The Maines, came and stay^{d} al-night with us, as did Dick Kellett, and also Wilding, who with having butt 5 or 6 days paine in a swelled hand looked more poor and simply y^{n} I did with 16 wicks gout.

The family of Hesketh, of Maynes, was descended from William Hesketh, of Aughton, 6th son of Thomas Hesketh, of Rufford, Esq. His son, Bartholomew Hesketh, of Aughton, Esq., married Mary, daughter of Will. Norris, of Speke, Esq., and had issue a son George, who was living at Little Poulton Hall, in 13 Eliz. (1570-1). He married Dorothy, daughter of Will. Westby, of Mowbreck, Esq., and his *inq. post mortem* is dated 14 Eliz. (1571-2), when he was found to have held land and possessions in 28 different townships in Lancashire. He was succeeded by his son William, who was living at the visitation of 1613, and married Elizabeth, daughter of John Allen, of Rossal, and sister to the famous Cardinal Allen. William Hesketh does not appear, from his *inq. post-mortem*, to have held Little Singleton, although his son (who may have purchased it) was residing there in 1613. The issue of this marriage was William and Wilfrid. William, the eldest son, was the first of The Maynes, or Maynes Hall, in Little Singleton; he married Anne, daughter of Hugh Anderton, of Euxton, Esq., and had issue—Thomas, of whom hereafter; Roger, who married Isabel, daughter of John Crombache, of Wiswall, Esq.; John, William, Hugh, and George, who died young; Anne, married to William Cottam, of Bilsborough; Alice, married to William Hull; and Mary, married to Christopher Mallett, of Copt Hall, Esq. Thomas, the eldest son, who was 9 years of age at the Visit. St. George, 1613, married, 1st, Anne, daughter of Simon Haydock, of Hezantford, Esq., and 2nd, Mary, daughter of John Westby, of Westby and Mowbreck, Esq. By his first wife he had issue—William, who married Perpetua, daughter of Thomas Westby, of Mowbreck, Esq.; Thomas, a captain of horse in the service of Charles II, who was slain at Brindle, on the march to Worcester Fight, in 1651; Anne, married to Thomas Nelson, of Fairhurst; and Margaret, married to George Westby, of Upper Rawcliffe, a major under Charles II.—William, the eldest son, had issue—Thomas, na. 1659; William, ob. infant; John; Anne, married to Richard Leckonby, Esq., of Leckonby House, Great Eccleston; Hellen; Dorothy, married to Thomas Wilkinson, of Claughton; Perpetua, ob. infant; Margaret, buried at Poulton, in 1687; Mary, buried at Poulton, in 1690; Elizabeth, Bridget, and two Winifrids, who all died in infancy. Thomas Hesketh, the eldest son, by his wife Margaret, left issue William, the "cos." of the Diary; Thomas, a priest; John; George; Mary, who died in 1729; Perpetua, married to Edward Holland, who received a dower of £900 in like manner with the other daughters; and Anne, who died unmarried, at Preston, in 1713. William Hesketh, Esq., of Maynes, married Mary, daughter of John Brockholes, Esq., of Claughton, and sister and heiress of Will. Brockholes, of Claughton, Esq., and had issue—Thomas, who succeeded his uncle William Brockholes, and assumed the name and arms of Brockholes, and died in 1766; Roger, of Tulketh Hall, who died March 8. 1767; William, born 14th May, 1717, who joined the Society of Jesus, and died 30th December, 1741, æt. 24; Joseph, who succeeded his brother Thomas, and took the name of Brockholes and in 1768, married Constantia, daughter of Bazil Fitzherbert, of Swinnerton, Esq., and died in 1732, without issue; James, who succeeded his brother Joseph, likewise assuming the name and arms of Brockholes, and died unmarried, the estates passing under the will of his brother Joseph, to William Fitzherbert, the brother of Mrs. Hesketh Brockholes, who assumed the name of Brockholes, and, by Mary, eldest daughter and co-heiress of James Windsor Heneage, Esq., of Cadeby, Lincolnshire, was the father of the present Thomas Fitzherbert Brockholes, Esq., of Claughton; Catharine, abbess of the Benedictines at Ghent; Margaret; Anne; Mary, a nun; and Frances.

March 7.—Early in the morning Mrs. went with Dick Kellet towards Preston; p^{d} 1s. pro troutts. Will Hesketh dined with mee as did Mr. Knot. In the eivening Andrew Snap and John Sargentt came to speake to

mee about taking Fox hall pro his Bro^{r} Xop^{r} Parkinson. Ned Mally p^{d} Pears Patchett pro hay, £2 8s. 0d.

John Sergeant, of Wyresdale, or Ellel, was a Catholic non-juror in 1716, returning £17 1s. 10d.—Christopher Parkinson was the brother-in-law of Andrew Snape, of Layton. It is probable that he was the youngest son of Christopher Parkinson, of Blindhurst and Hazlehurst, the representative of an ancient family long seated at Fairsnape, Blindhurst, and Hazlehurst, whose eldest son, Richard Parkinson, of Hazlehurst, died 13th July, 1723, leaving an only son Richard, who died *sine prole*, and a daughter Agnes, who married John Smyth, of Hazleheads, or Hazlehurst, who died 6th October, 1759. It is related that after the defeat of the Pretender, in whose cause he had taken up arms, in 1745, Mr. Smyth remained in hiding at Hazlehurst for a considerable time, but was eventually captured and imprisoned as a rebel in Lancaster Castle. He was descended from Christopher Smyth, of Cornorowe, in Greenhalgh-cum-Thistleton, who married Alice, relict of Mr. Whitehead, of the same place, and had issue William, Margaret, and Christopher, who resided at Thistleton, and married Isabel, daughter of Mr. Kirkham, of Old-field-Car. William, the eldest son, by his wife Elizabeth, had issue—James, the founder of the family of Forton; Dorothy; and William, of Elswick and Larbreck, who had issue Robert, who married Mary, daughter and coheiress of Will. Swartbreck, of The Wall, in Little Eccleston, gentleman, and had issue three children—William, the eldest, who succeeded to Elswick, and was the founder of that family; Richard, of Larbreck and Lea, the ancestor of the Very Rev. Robert Smith, D.D., Vice-Rector of the English College, Rome; and Alice, who married Robert Haydock, of Leach Hall, gentleman, whose granddaughter married the representative of the two older branches of the Smith family. We now return to the eldest son of William, of Cornorow, James Smyth, of Forton, who had issue two sons, William, of Forton, and John, of Hazleheads. William married Anne, daughter of Robert Haydock, of Bartle and Cottam, and had issue an only son, James Smith, of Forton, who married Elizabeth, daughter of Robert Walker, of Forton (and sister and coheiress of John Walker, of Forton), by Margaret, daughter of William Hathorthwaite, of Upper Wyresdale, gentleman, and sister and coheiress of John Hathornthwaite, of Catshaw, in Upper Wyresdale, gentleman. The issue of this marriage was four children—John, who died young; William, who succeeded to his father's estates of Forton and Pilling, and died unmarried, his cousin William Smith, of Clock House, Lea, gentleman, succeeding to part of his estate of Forton; Margaret, married to George Blanchard, of Alston, gentleman, father of the late James Blanchard, of Grimsargh House, Esq., who married Anne Teresa, daughter of Richard Butler, Esq., of Pleasington Hall; and Mary, who died unmarried. The issue of John Smyth, of Hazleheads, was three daughters and a son James, who married Jane, daughter of Edmund Threlfall, of Woodplumpton, and had issue—John, ob. unmarried, 1793; James, a priest, who died 26th of January, 1827; Thomas, of Croxdale, Durham, a priest, who died 26th of February, 1855; William Smith, of Clock House, Lea, gentleman, who succeeded his cousin and namesake to a portion of the estate of Forton, and married Jane, daughter and coheiress of Robert Haydock, of Bartle, the representative of the Haydocks, of Cottam Hall; and two daughters. William Smith had issue—James, born in 1808, and died in 1820; Robert, Thomas, William, and John, all in Holy Orders; James, born in 1822; Joseph Smith, Esq., of Winckley-square, Preston; Francis Regis Smith, Esq.; Marie Anne, who died in 1848; Jane, born 1805, the wife of Joseph Gillow, Esq., of Preston; and Agnes, unmarried, of Broughton.

March 8.—Alday in my chamb^{r} and dining-room; Mr. Holden & Mr. Knot and Hen. Westby satte———with mee.

March 9.—Gave Marg^{tt} Wilding 6d. ffor bring a lett^{r} ffrom my Mrs. and some moneys; affter din^{r} cos. T. Carus and Mr. Holden came and satt with mee till eivening, and Hen. Westby came and satte till nine; I gave him

* Rd. Threlfall of Bank Hall, Broughton, mar. 1720 Eliz^{h} dr. of Xop^{r} Parkinson of ye Par. of Goosnargh (Fairsnape, Blindhurst & Hazlehurst are all in this Parish) —

10s., and sentt pad pro dougr Francs to Hutton; I sent per carrior a pott off chares to dogr Mary, and 2s. 6d. ffor seeds.

Frances was one of the Diarist's daughters by his first wife.—"Potted Charr" is a celebrated dish; charr being a small fish, chiefly caught in Lake Windermere.

March 10.—In paine of a ffowle stomake alday. Mr. Holden came to see mee and satte 2 howrs with mee.

March 11.—Alday in my roome, not well; Mrs. came home ffrom Preston, and Hen. Simpson brought her on his mare, and hee ffarmed the Ruffe closse this yeare.

March 12.—Tucke 2 ounces off manna, and John Cross came about his John bargen, wch hee would make just as his minde and pleasre is, but patience for that memorandum; John Parkinson came hither to serve mee.

John Cross, of Myerscough, gent., was the founder of Bilsborough school. He was born in 1682, and died in 1718, *s.p.* His grandfather John Cross, of Barton, yeoman, had issue two sons and three daughters, viz.—Richard, of Barton, who purchased Myerscough House and estate, in 1696, from William Butler, Esq., for terms of £5,500 and 500 years, which he disposed of by will dated 1704, (*pr.* 1706), and his devisees, or their representatives, sold the estate to Mr. Charles Gibson, and it is supposed that he is the ancestor of the family of Cross of Red Scar; Robert, who married in 1671, Priscilla Gradwell, and died in 1689, leaving issue Ann, married to Humphrey Briscoe, A.B., vicar of Chipping; Jennet, married to James Fishwick, of Bulsnape, in Goosnargh, gent.; and John Cross, of Myerscough, above mentioned; Elizabeth; Ellen, married to Grayson; and Alice married to Ralph Hudson, of Flixton.

March 13.—Alday in ye house. In the eivening cos. Tom Carus and Captt Rigby came and satte with us, and gave mee halfe a pint of right Nance brandy.

"Nance," or Nantes, is a French brandy.

March 14.—Pd Tom Tom—son, barber, 1s, pro 4 times shaveing mee; Mr. Beardsworth came about monys rassing pro Lodge mortgage; younge Tom Baines came to see mee, and stayed al night; pd 6d pro cockes.

March 15.—Doctr Harden here, and dined with us, as did cos Carus off Halton's 8 dogrs; gave Ned Malley 5s. to goe to Preston ffaire with Ruby; I walked down to ye stables with helpe; cos Tom Carus and his lady supd with us on whilkes in the shell.

Peter Clarke, in his account of the Rebellion of 1715, says:—Thomas Carus, Esq., and his two sons, Thomas and Christopher, all Papists, who lived at Halton Hall, joined the rebels at Kirkby Lonsdale. "It was this Esqr Carus that first brought them word that the Towne of Lanr *(sic)* had left of making any preparions for a defence, so they marched for Lancr next morning."—*Lancashire Memorials (Cheth. Soc).*—Ruby was the name of a horse.—A whilk, or whelk, is a mollusca, the *Buccinum undatum*, having a shell univalvular, spiral, and gibbous, with an oval aperture ending in a short canal or gutter.

March 16.—About 10, gott on horsback and call[d] att Mr. Beardsworth door, where cos Sherson and Tom Tay[r] treated me with a noging off brandy, and affter seeing my coults, and taking y[e] eyer 2 howr[s], returned home much eass[r].

A noggin is a measure for spirits, and originally meant a little piggin, or a wooden vessel, with a handle, for holding liquids.

March 17.—Went to Cockerham and dined with Bro[r] ffrost, who came back with mee to Thurnham, where wee stay[d] 2 howr[s] with Bro[r] Dalton, Rob. Strickland; thence home.

March 18.—Alday in the house, Mr. Beardsworth with me about y[e] Lodge affare; in y[e] eivening honest Dick Gorney came about the Lodge business, and stay[d] all night with mee.

March 19.—Went in y[e] morning by Aldcliffe to Cond[r] Green, thence to y[e] Highgatte; spent 2d., att y[e] Cockes, in nance; satt with Bro[r] ffrost, Rob. Strickland, and othr[s], 3 howr[s]; gave 2d. to a poor man, and spent 6d.; soe home to Lan[r].

March 20.—Almorning in the house; Mr. Beardsworth came to mee about Lodge affare, &c.

March 21.—Went to meet Bro[r] ffrost and Sany Butler, a ffowling at Cond[r] Green, butt they came not; went to Cockerham; dined with Mr. Jon and Mr. Bagett; stay[d] there till 4; soe home.

March 22.—After din[r] went with Mr. Beardsworth to Ellall Milles, to meet Bro[r] ffrost about Lodge busnes, and to desire his assistance in y[e] affare; spent 1s. 4d.; Mr. Corles, of Wireside, with us.

The "Lodge affare" had probably some reference to the mortgage of £1,000 which Thomas Townley, of Royle, Esq., advanced on the estate. He married Anne, daughter of — Leigh, of Chorley, Esq., and was succeeded by his second son Thomas Townley, Esq., born 30th, January, 1706-7 (ob. 1770), who married the daughter of — Frost, Esq., of Lancaster, in all likelihood one of the two Frosts mentioned in the diary.

March 23.—Alday in y[e] house; tucke 2 ounce off manna, and first and last had 28: s.; p[d] 1s. pro manna.

March 24.—After din[r] went to see Bro[r] ffrost who was very badd in y[e] night, butt ffound him att Mr. Jon's xning, where were Mr. Cauthorn, 2 parsons Wint[r] and Bagett, and Mr Sawell; stay[d] there 2 howers; gave the boy 6d; thence home.

The Cawthornes were a very ancient family and are said to have held a portion of Wyresdale for six or seven hundred years; but Baines says the descent of their property is one of those difficulties which frequently beset the topographer. William Cawthorne, of St. Bartholomew's-the-less, London, was the father of John Cawthorne, of Lancaster, who would be the gentleman referred to in the diary. His son John died without issue, as also did his brother Charles; their two sisters inherited the property. The elder, Mary, married first, Mr. Haddow, and second, Henry White, of Lancaster, gent., and the younger, Elizabeth, married in 1748 James Fenton Cawthorne, Esq., M.P. for Lancaster, in whose person George III. once contemplated the revival of the barony of Wyresdale.

March 25.—Went in the morning to prayrs; att my returne ffound Dick Shutlsworth, off Brookside, who dined with us, as did cos. Tom Carus wiffe.

Wednesday, the Annunciation of the B. V. M., or Lady-day.

March 26.—Went with Mr. Beardsworth to Cockerham; spent with him and one Cuddy Threlfall and Bror ffrost 5s.; thence wee went to Garstange to meet Mr. Beardsworth; propossed ye redeming Lodge to Mr. Whitingham, who was very harty, but Sany Butler quit reffused to joyne, thoh both Bror ffrost and Mr. Beardsworth would have joyned with him; spent 5s. 6d. on them; thence backe to Lanr, thoh butt in wacke health.

There were at least three Cuthbert Threlfalls living at this time—one of the Ashes, one of Barton, and the one here referred to.

March 27.—Att home till 12; then went to Mr. Beardsworth; spent with Mr. Gutridge and Mr. Hother 8 shillings, viz., 2s. pro a botle of wine, and 1s. pro my clube; soe home.

March 28.—About 9 mounted and went with ye govr as far as Garstange, to meet the High Sherriffe, cosn Valontine; attended him both in ye toun and also to meet ye judge, and, post cenam, wee were a ffew off the best with him, whose health will make the valuable, viz., ye High Sheriffe, Mr. Holland Egerton, Mr. Ratlife, off Foxdenton, Mr. Horton Chaterton, Doctor Houlbrook, honest Tom Kenion, Mr. Baderley, and Mr. Plummr; stayd till ten, then parted; gave ye sherife's man 1s. ffor helping mee doun stares.

Richard Valentine, of Preston and of Bentcliffe, near Eccles, Esq., High Sheriff of Lancashire 1712-13, was born 18th June, 1675, and, dying without issue, was buried at Eccles, 27th October, 1715. His father, Thomas Valentine, of Bentcliffe, married at Walton-le-Dale, 22nd February, 1665-6, Miss Ann Fleetwood, of Poulton Parish, no doubt one of the family of Rossal. Bentcliffe, or Beaucliffe Hall, was situated on the east side of the village of Eccles. It was once the seat of Thomas Holt, Esq., and afterwards the estate of Richard Valentine, who married Anne Hopwood in the reign of Henry VII., from whom it passed to Thomas Valentine in 1595, and from him descended to the high sheriff, shortly after whose decease it was sold to a Mr. Partington, from whom it passed to Mr. Bentley, the late owner. Two modern mansions, called Higher and Lower Bentcliffe, have replaced the ancient hall.—Mr. Holland Egerton, of Heaton and Denton, born in 1686, succeeded as 4th Bart., in 1729, on the death of his father, Sir John Egerton, of Winchill, Bart., who had married, in 1684,

* The Bank Hall Threlfalls descend from J. T. of Barton - 1661.
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Elizabeth, sister and heiress of Edward Holland, of Heaton and Denton, Esq. He died in 1730, and was succeeded by his son Sir Edward, who died unmarried in 1744, and was succeeded by his brother, Sir Thomas Grey Egerton, who was father of Sir Thomas Egerton, first Earl of Wilton, created under the title of Lord Grey de Wilton, of Wilbon Castle, Hereford, in 1794, and farther advanced, in 1801, to the titles of Viscount Grey de Wilton and Earl of Wilton.—Alexander Ratcliffe, of Foxdenton, Esq., was baptized at Withenshaw, 17th January, 1677. He rebuilt the family mansion, and was buried at Manchester 2nd February, 1735. His descendant owns the property.—Thomas Horton, Esq., second son and heir of Joshua Horton, of Chaderton, born in 1685, was Governor of the Isle of Man, and J.P. county of Lancaster. He married Anne, daughter and co-heiress of Richard Mostyn, of London (a younger branch of the Mostyns, of Mostyn, in Wales, baronets), and was succeeded by his eldest son and heir, Sir William Horton, who was created a baronet on the 14th January, 1764, being then High Sheriff of Lancashire.—William Holbrook, Esq., M.D., of Preston, was buried at the Coll. Church, Manchester, 29th November, 1728. —Thomas Kenyon was younger son of Roger Kenyon, by Alice, daughter and heiress of George Rigby, of Peel, Esq. (a younger son of Alexander Rigby, of Middleton, Esq.), and married Catherine, daughter and co-heiress of Luke Lloyd, of Bryn, county Flint, Esq., and dying in 1731, was succeeded by his son Lloyd, who was the father of Lloyd, first Lord Kenyon, Baron of Tredington, county Flint.

March 29.—Went to Aldclife with cosin ffletch^{r} ; att home all the remand^{r}, expecting his coming to see mee.

March 30.—Dined with the Sheriffe, and afterwards spent 6d. att Cutler's; thence to cosin ffletcher, att Mr. Beardsworth, where I sat 2 hours with him, Mr Hall, ye Judge's marshall, Mr. Ashton, his cryor, and Mr. Patison, atturney, but p^{d} nothing.

March 31.—Dined with ye Sheriffe, Coll Stanley, and oth^{rs}; in the evening went with the sherife, cos. ffletcher, younge lord, Mr. Persewell, cosin Hodgshon, and other, to Mr. Beardsworth; ye Sherife p^{d} 5d. and wee 6d. apice.

John Percival, Esq., of Liverpool, married in 1702, Margaret, daughter of Abigail Cooke, late of Abram, widow of Thomas Cooke, gent. He had issue—Richard Percival, of Liverpool, gent., eldest son and heir, who was residing at Wavertree Hall, in 1760, and sold the family estate at Allerton for £7,700; John, of Wigan, gent.; Loveday; Samuel, of Manchester, checkman; Abigail, of Liverpool; Ellen, of Manchester; all living in 1735. Mr. Percival was descended from Richard Percival, Mayor of Liverpool in 1658, who purchased Allerton Hall and Estate, in 1670, for £4,755. He had issue—Thomas; Richard, on whom his father settled Allerton, who married Elizabeth Tyldesley, of Rumforth, co. Lanc., whose fortune was £700; and a daughter married to Thomas Williamson, clerk, son of Alderman Williamson, Mayor of Liverpool in 1651. Richard Percival was the father of the Mr. Persewell referred to in the Diary.—Albert Hodgson, Esq., of Leighton Hall, in Warton Parish, joined the rebels at Lancaster, in 1715. He married the eldest daughter and coheir of George Middleton Oldfield, Esq., who had for her portion the Manor of Leighton. George Middleton Oldfield was the son and heir of Somerfield Oldfield, Esq., by Mary, his wife, daughter and sole heiress of Sir George Middleton, of Leighton, a brave and active colonel of the Royalists in the civil wars, who was knighted at Durham, 26 June, 1642, and created a baronet by patent dated the following day. He served the office of High Sheriff in the county in 14 and 15 Chas. II, and died in 1673, aged 74, when the name of Middleton became extinct at Leighton, as well as the title.

April primo.—Went to Mr Beardsworth's to see cos. ffletcher take horse; spent 2d. on Mr. May^{r}, of Burton, and honest Dick Gurney; thence went

to meet Bro^r ffrost, who returned backe with me; after din^r went to him at Mr. Berdworth's, and spent with him and Bro^r Windr on wine 6d., and 2d. in ale; soe home.

April 2.—Very lame in my beed; in ye morning Mr. Roe and Will Horn-

Roe and Hornby

by came about the two executions, and by honest Bro^r Windrs kinde solissitation, and Mr. Whitingham's means, wee made those 2 catterpill^rs eassy; in ye eivening went to ye Gou^rs and spent with him, Guterick, Hother, Eliatt, and Mr Chambers, 6d.; soe home; Dick Kelet and Jaccourty in ye green booke.

April 3.—For His great mercy of permitting mee live to this day, The Greatt Divinity of 3 Persons and one God bee ffor ever and ever gloriffied, honored, and praised, world without end, Amen. Went to Aldclife to prayers; the remaind^r off the day in the house.

This (Friday) was the Diarist's birthday.

April 4.—Beeing a severe cold day, alday in my chamb^r; about 9 att night Mr. Guterick, Mr. Hother, and Mr. Elliat, came to see mee, and affter ten cos. Tom Carus and Mr. Beardsworth came; they all stay^d till near 12, and cos. Tom Carus and his wife staid till the Brook Lenten neeke; soe to beed.

"Till the Brook Lenten neeke" means until they broke the neck of Lent.

April 5.—Went to Aldclife, and honest Katchall and his good wiffe came home with mee and dined; hee and I went to Mr. Beardsworth, but he stay^d not; I stay^d till 10, taking Mr. Eliat's ffarwell.

April 6.—Went with doug^r Fanny to Aldclife; she went endways to Rawclife; I returned home, being a very could day, and in ye house alday.

Fanny *went endways* (went forward) to visit the Butlers at Rawcliffe. The hall is situated on the southern side of Out Rawcliffe, on ground gently sloping down to the river Wyre. It is screened nearly all round with trees, and is environed with extensive garden grounds, avenues, and rich lands worthy of an opulent and ancestral residence. The present hall was built in the 17th century; but it has been considerably modernised. The most ancient part seems to be at the rear, where there may be seen some ornamental woodwork in the wall, like that which was so fashionable in the Elizabethan era. At the back are the remains of a Catholic Chapel. The hall, which has been virtually empty since 1860, has a spacious interior; the finest apartment being the dining-room on the western side. In some of the rooms there are old paintings—chiefly portraits of the ffrance family—and in others there are pieces of antique furniture which belonged to the hall before misfortune severed the old family times, or threw a gloom over its prospects.

April 7.—Went in the morning to Thurnham, and ffrom thence to Natby, where I ffound Bro^r Dalton, Lady, his Bro^r Rob., and Robin Strickland; dined there, and afterwards wentt with them to a stage play att fford Green; spent 6d., thence home to Lan^r.

Robert Hoghton was a monk of the Order of St. Benedict.—Ford Green is in Nateby, near Nateby Hall, north-west of Garstang.

April 8.—Alday in the house; tuck phisicke; gave two girlls 6d. each, and sentt them to Kirkland.

April 9.—Went to Banister Hall, aboutt Lodge business; and att Black Bull Mr. Atherton treated mee with brandy; soe to Banister Hall.

Richard Atherton, Esq., was the town's bailiff of the Mock Corporation of Walton in 1719.

April 10.—Alday att Banister Hall; paid 1s. pro horse shoeing.

April 11.—Went in the morning to Preston, but ffirst gave ye servantts 8s.; spent at Preston 2s. 4d.; thence home; ffound cos. W: W: here.

April 12.—Alday in the house much indissposed with could goten by riding latte on Saturday night; honest Dick Gorney and his wife came to see mee, and in the eivening Mr. Backhouse came and sat 2 howrs. Went to X to cos. W: W:; Mr. Tayr ffrom Aldclife dined with us; affter dinr cos. W: W: went homewards.

The 12th was Sunday.

April 13.—In the morning honest Dick Gorney and his good wiffe went home; tuck pissick, viz., 2 ounces off manna, and had 23 s.

April 14.—Att my awaeking in much paine in many off my joynts and I tuck 12 ounces off blood from my right arme, wch abated ye paine.

April 15.—Much ffreor from paine, tho keptt the house alday, haueing got a great could.

April 16.—After dinr went to Mr. Beardsworth's to my Bror collegions; spent 1s. in wine with Mr. Gutrick, Hother, and ye govenr; old cosin Carus came to us, and sat an howr; thence home.

As his father was educated at Douay, in France, so probably was the Diarist. It is not clear whether Mr. Guterick and Mr. Hother were the "Bror" collegians.

April 17.—Went with Captt Rigby to Ashton and Thurnham, but Bror Dalton not att home; returned to ye Cockes; spent each 6d., with Will Curtas, and Duke Jonny went and shewed us the mares, coults, and younge horse; soe home.

April 18.—About non, Jack Layborne, his lady, and Bror Jemmy, came and dined with us; I alday in the house.

April 19.—Soe lame and in paine ytt I durst not ventr to Aldcliffe; Mrs. Eliat dined with us; in my roome alday.

This last date was Sunday.

April 20.—About noun cos. Colle called off mee, goeing to ye Quarmore commission; wee been ticked pro Smith, &c.; Ben Corney cam and sat with mee 2 hours; soe home.

Edmund Cole, Esq., of Beaumont Cote, was Sheriff of Lancashire in 1707. By his wife Anne, he left issue a daughter and heiress, Dorothy, who married Thomas Butler, Esq., of Kirkland (son and heir of the "Sany Butler" of the Diary), whose great grandson Thomas, in compliance with the will of his great uncle, Alexander Butler, of Kirkland and Cote, in November, 1826, took the surname of Cole in addition to that of Butler, and was the last male descendant of the family of Butler, of Kirkland and Cote. The Cole family came from Somersetshire; we find that Robert Cole, a clerk in the Duchy office, in London, seated himself at Cote, in the parish of Lancaster, and township of Bolton-juxta-Lancaster; he died in 1642, leaving issue Thomas, of whom hereafter; Robert, of Clifford's Inn, London; Mary, wife of John Middleton, county Westmoreland; Elizabeth, wife of Mr. Painter; and Margaret, wife of Christopher Proctor, of Lancaster. The eldest son Thomas, born in 1626, married Anne, daughter of John Butler, Esq., of Kirkland, and had issue Thomas, John, and Elizabeth. Thomas Cole, of Beaumont Cote, Esq., born in 1650, was a magistrate of Oyer and Terminer, and Deputy-Lieutenant of the county of Lancaster. He married Jane, daughter and co-heiress of Edmund Fleetwood, of Rossal, Esq., and relict of John Singleton, of Stayning, Esq., and dying, 11th January, 1691, was seized by his son Edmund, as above-mentioned.

April 21.—Att my awaeking seased with a stich; Mrs. tuke 12 ounces of blood from my lefft side; in the eivening cos. Rob. Strickland came to see mee, and satt 2 hows; after him came Mr. Harison, recordr of Kendall, and Rob. Smith, to consult about Quarmore business.

April 22.—Much eassayor off my stich, but in great pain with the gravel alday.

April 23.—Went to dine with the commissionrs pro Quarmore sut, att Ned Heyshame's, viz.—Mr. Harison and Mr. Chambers pro Smith, and Mr. Husband and Mr. Lanckton pro Mrs. Standish; I gave evidence pro Smith, &c.; thence home; Ben. Corney alnight with mee.

This Mr. Lanckton would probably be Roger Langton, of Broughton Tower, who died *s.p.* shortly afterwards. This family was descended from Edward Langton, a younger son of Sir Thomas Langton, knight, Baron of Newton-in-Makersfield, by Anne, daughter of Thomas Talbot, of Salesbury. He had issue a son Roger, of Broughton Tower, baptised 1559, and ob. 1644, who married first, Anne, daughter of William Clayton, of Fulwood, and second, Margaret, relict of George Rogerson, of Preston. By his first wife he had issue—William, of Broughton Tower, M.P. for Preston in 1645, who took a "Talbot" as his crest at the hands of William Ryley, Norrey, 1657; Thomas, of Preston, o. s. p.; Edward, citizen of London, who married and had issue two daughters; John, of Preston, born in 1614, who married, Anne, daughter and co-heiress of John Singleton, of Preston, and was the founder of the family of Langton, of Kirkham; Richard, o. s. p.; Roger; and Anne. William, the eldest son, married Jane, daughter of William Lever, of Kersal, and dying in 1659, left issue—William, of Broughton Tower, who o. s. p. circa 1714, Elizabeth, Jane, and Catherine; Thomas, Edward, John, Roger, Elizabeth, Mary, and Anne, who appear to have died *s.p.*; and Richard, of Preston, living in 1715. The latter had issue—William Langton, the last descendant who lived at Broughton Tower; Roger; and Jane, who on 1st July, 1785, at the age of 70,

married Lawrence Rawstorne, of Preston, ancestor of the Rawstornes of Penwortham, on whom she settled Broughton Tower, and other estates, devised to her under the will of her brother, William Langton. Thus the ancestral domain of this branch of the Langton family passed to the Rawstornes of Penwortham, who sold it about 1810, part to the trustees of Kirkham School, and part to James Rothwell of Hoole, in Leyland, by whose nephew, the Marquess de Rothwell, of Marples Hall, Bolton, it is now possessed. Broughton Tower, taken down about 1800, was a strong, heavy structure of stone, surrounded by a moat, which still exists, and on the southern side was a large green, known by the name of Sharoe Green. The site is now occupied by a farm-house.

April 24.—About noun I went with Ben Corney to Thurnham, and Bro^r^ Dalton made very much of us, oblidging Ben and John Threlfall to sit with us in ye parler; ffrom thence home.

April 25.—Very much in paine with gravell; alday in my room; Cos. Tom Stanley and George Carus came to see mee; in the eivening Cos. W: W: came hither.

April 26.—In the house alday, in much paine with ye gravell; cos. W: W: here.

This was Sunday.

April 27.—Alday in the house; cos. W: W: here; I sent ffor Mr. Beardsworth about my Bro^r^ Westby's busines.

April 28.—Left Lan^r^ about 10 in the morning; dined at Bro^r^ ffrost with Mr. Cauthorne and Tom Roe; Bro^r^ ffrost very ill; called at Robt. Walker's, stay^d^ halfe an how^r^; thence to ye Wildings, chang^d^ my horse; thence to ye White Bull alnight, where honest Dick Gorney and Ben Corney sat by my beed side till past one; p^d^ 2s. pro alle.

Robert Walker, of Forton, a Catholic non-juror in 1716, married Margaret, daughter of William Hathornthwaite, of Stonyhurst, and Upper Wyresdale, gentleman, and sister and co-heiress (with Mary, wife of Richard Leckonby, of Leckonby House, Great Eccleston, Esq., and other sisters who died *s. p.*) of John Hathornthwaite, of Catshaw, adjoining to Hathornthwaite, in Upper Wyresdale, gentleman. His will is dated 31st March, 1729, and dying shortly afterwards, he was succeeded by his son John, who was seized in the estate of Forton by his sister and heiress Elizabeth, who married James Smith, of Forton, an account of whose family has been given in another place.

April 29.—Went to Preston in the morning; spoke to Mr. Parkinson and Shawe about busines; spent at Dick Jackson, pro selfe, man, and horses, 1s. 3d.; soe to ye White Bull backe, where cos. Jo. Wadsworth, Dick Gorney, and Hen. Madsley meet mee; treated y^m^ on busines, wch cost mee 2s. and 2d.; soe to beed.

April ultimo.—Gave ye servants at White Bull 1s.; p^d^ 2s. pro horses and man; thence to Lodge, and Kirkland, where I dined; gave Agg. and Win. 2s.; thence to Garstange; spent with Jack and Jemmy Layborne, cos. Jo.

Wadsworth, Tom Barton, Dick Gorney, old Catchall, his son, Rt Walkr, and others, 6d., and pd 6d. pro oats and hay; soe backe to Lanr.

Thomas Barton, of Claughton, was a Catholic non-juror in 1716.—Agatha and Winifred were the two daughters of the Diarist by his second wife, Mary, sister and coheiress of Sir Alexander Rigby, knight. Agatha married John Bleasdell, a Roman Catholic, who was killed by a fall from his horse while hunting on Ribbleton Moor. There is a tradition in the Bleasdell family that after her husband's death, she was in the habit of resorting to Broughton Church-yard, with her only son, to visit his grave, and that whilst sitting amongst the tombs during the time of service, she was attracted by the music and services within the Church. At first, says the tradition, she paid no attention to these services, then she listened at the windows, afterwards at the porch, and eventually she went into the Church, and embraced the Reformed Faith. The consequence of this step was, all her father's friends and relations, with the exception of her sister, were alienated from her. After her father's death, Winifred, who was never married, resided with her sister Agatha until her marriage, at Myerscough Planks, a small enclosure of land, with cottage and garden, a remnant of the Diarist's estate. This small estate (on the Preston side of the Roe-Buck Inn) was sold by the executors of the late James Bleasdell (the son of John Bleasdell, the grandson of the Diarist), whose son, the Rev. William Bleasdell, of the Rectory, Trenton, Canada, is the present representative of the family.

May primo.—Gave Ned Malley 1s. to go to ffox Hall about busines; gave Mrs. 3s. 9d. pro house usse; in the house alday; sent for Hen. Hosfeild to advice about making my phissick up; pd Xopr Butterffeild 4s. pro phissick; tuck a bollas; soe too beed.

A *bolus* is a dose of physick, as much as may be taken at a mouthful, of a consistence somewhat thicker than honey.

May 2.—Tuke pissick by Doctr Fan. Worthington's ordr, wh worked 21 times; pd Tompson, quaker, pro coles, 4s.

Dr. Francis Worthington was of the family of Worthington, of Blainscough Hall, in the township of Coppul, parish of Standish. This staunch old Catholic family suffered much for the faith, and supplied many priests, who figured prominently in the ecclesiastical history of the country. The Blainscough property came into the family through the marriage of the ancestor of Henry Worthington, Esq. (a younger brother of Worthington, of Worthington), with the daughter and sole heiress of Adam Blainsco, of Blainsco, gentleman. He was grandfather of Richard Worthington, who died 20 Henry VIII. (1528), whose son Richard married Dorothy, daughter of Robert Charnock, of Charnock, Esq. Their son, Thomas, married Mary, daughter (but not heiress, as stated by Baines,) of John Allen, of Rossal, Esq., and sister of the famous Cardinal Allen, and died in 1619. The hall afterwards passed into other hands, and at this time Dr. Worthington was probably living at Wigan. He appears to have been a physician of some note.

May 3.—Went to Aldclife in the morning; the remaindr off the day in the house; Mr. Holden came to see mee.

May 4.—Went in ye morning with Mr. Recordr and Mr. Benison to meete ye Lady Molineux corps, att Hurst Banke; brought them thrugh the toune; then Bror Dalton, cos Rob. Strickland, and I went to dinr at Beardsworth, where wee spent pro man, mr, in treat 1s., and 1s. 6d. pro wine; thence home.

Bridget, wife of William, 4th Viscount Molyneux, was the daughter and heiress of Robert Lucy, of Charlecot, co. Warwick. The corpse, in going south from Bardsea Hall (a hunting seat of Lord Molyneux), would cross the sands from Kent's Bank to Hest Bank, between three and four miles N. of Lancaster.

May 5.—Went to see Bro^{r} Frost, where I meet Bro^{r} Dalton, cos Strickland, Mr. Cauthorne, Mr. Jon, and others. I bought Bay Lusty of Rob. Walker that day. Returned back, and by Bro^{r} ffrost request write a lett^{r} to Do^{r} Worthington of his condition; after went to see Bro^{r} Pennington; ffound him att y$_{e}$ recordr^{s}, with Mr. May^{r}, Mr. Bentley, and Jemmy Smethers, where wee were treated with aboundance of noble oysters; I sate there till 11; soe home.

"Bay Lusty" would be the name of a horse.

May 6.—After din^{r} went with Bro^{r} Penigton to Thurnham; wee supped there, and, after Mr. Backhouse and George ffoxcrofft came, wee stay^{d} there till 12, then sett homewards in great rane; gave Reb. 1s., and John another.

George Foxcroft was the Mayor of Lancaster, in 1696.

May 7.—Alday in the toun; in the eivening went to see Bro^{r} Penington; sup^{d} with him at the recordr^{s}; about 9 sent ffor home by Mr. Will. Wadsworth, who stay^{d} 2 howers; thence I went to beed.

May 8.—Mounted early, and went with Will Wadsworth towards Garstange; stay^{d} halfe an hower at Bro^{r} ffrostts; mett Joh. Layborne and Tom Richardson att Neppys, where wee reed ye news; I spent 3d.; thence to Stirzacker, and ffrom thence with 2 Wadsworth to ye White Bull; call^{d} of Tho. Barton, and Dick Gorney came to us; I found honest Tho. Barton very harty and ffree, but the 2 Wadsworths only whiffed; I spent on them 1s. 9d.; soe to beed.

By the expression "only whiffed," the Diarist means—only smoked, without drinking; or else that the parties were somewhat shy and indifferent.

May 9.—P^{d} pro horses, man, selfe, 2s., and gave 6d. to ye servantts; thence to Garstange; spent with Mr. Moncaster, Will Webster, and younge Croan, 6d., at Neppys; thence to Bro^{r} ffrost; sate-halfe an how^{r} with him; soe home.

May 10.—After din^{r} Mr. Beardsworth, Mr. Gutricke, and Hother, came and satte with mee 2 howers, and then I went towards Natby, but called off Bro^{r} ffrost.

This was Rogation Sunday.

May 11.—Affter praying pro Unkle Layborne, went to Englwhite Fare;

saw sevrll ffreinds; spent 1s., thence to Dick Gorney's, who had a very good mare dyed; stay^{d} an howr; thence to Natby, where I meet my Godson.

Inglewhite is in the township of Goosnargh-with-Newsham, six miles south-east of Garstang. Three fairs are held annually here; the first and the principal one (for horned cattle), on Monday and Tuesday in Rogation Week; the second (for sheep) on 25th April; and the third on 18th October. The remains of a market cross (raised above the ground by five steps) stand in the centre of the green. It is upwards of ten feet high and quite perfect, with the exception of the arms of the cross, which have long ago disappeared. Upon the shaft is inscribed "H. C. I. W. 1675," the latter two initials, according to Col. Fishwick *(History of Goosnargh)*, referring to Mr. Justice Warren who was at that time lord of the manor, but the cross is at least a century and a half older than the inscription. Tradition represents this to have been formerly a market town.

May 12.—Gave ye servantts att Natby 4s.; soe home to Lan^{r}.

May 13.—Alday bussy in my garden; John Parkinson here.

May 14.—Went with Mrs. to Aldclife, and thence to ye Cockes, where wee got our din^{r} off pidgons and beufe wee tucke from home; spent 8d. pro ourselves.

May 15.—About 5 went to see Madam More att Mr. Benison's, and 4 custome house officers; about 8, godson Layborne came to us, and went home with me; spent 8d.

May 16.—Tuke pissick by Do^{r} ffancis W^{r} ord^{r}; dined with Godson Layborne, who went afterwards to Leighton.

"Dor ffancis Wr" stands for Dr. Francis Worthington.—Leighton Hall, the residence of Albert Hodgson, Esq., is within the townships of Yealand Redmayne and Yealand Conyers, originally distinguished under the name of Yealand, and is in the parish of Warton, nine miles to the north of Lancaster. His successor, by marriage, was George Towneley, Esq., the son of Charles Towneley, Esq., whose nephew and devisee sold the hall and estate of Leighton to Alexander Worswick, Esq., who married Alice, daughter of Robert Gillow, and sister of Richard Gillow, Esq., of Ellel Grange, who died 14th August, 1811, aged 77, leaving issue (amongst others) by his wife, Agnes, daughter of Robert Haresnape, of Thurnham, Richard Gillow, who purchased the manor of Leighton from his cousin Thomas Worswick, Esq. He married Elizabeth, daughter of Charles Stapleton, Esq., M.D. (heiress to her brothers Colonel and Major Stapleton), third son of Nicholas Stapleton, Esq., of Carlton, whose eldest son, Thomas, claimed the barony of Beaumont, which was eventually obtained by his great nephew Miles Thomas, Lord Beaumont (grandson of Miles Stapleton, the second son of Nicholas, and his wife Lady Mary Bertie, daughter of Willoughby, Earl of Abingdon, and son of Thomas Stapleton, of Carlton, by his wife Maria Juliana, daughter of Sir Robert Gerard, Bart). Richard Gillow died in 1849, and was succeeded by his eldest son and heir, Richard Thomas Gillow, Esq., the present possessor of Leighton Hall, who married Mary, daughter of Charles Eyston, Esq., of East Hendred, county Berks, and has issue a son, Richard, married to Agnes, daughter of Charles Riddell, Esq., younger son of Ralph Riddell, Esq., of Felton. Leighton Hall, a handsome castellated erection of stone, ornamented with turrets and towers, is situated in a richly wooded park, surrounded with beautiful scenery, and obtains a view of Morecambe Bay.

May 17.—Mrs. and I went to Aldclife; after din^{r} p^{d} pro lett^{r} 8d.; went

to speake with Mr. Recordr ; ffound him at Mrs. Edmonson's ; thence to cos. Rigby, and younge cos. Rigby and Mrs. Hariat suped with us.

May 18.—Went to take leave with Bror Dalton ; brought him to Winmarley with his coach and 6, his lady, 8 children, and maids; spent at Highgate 1s. 4d. with Mr. Moncaster and Will Webster, about Lodge business ; thence to Ashton where I stay with Mr. Walker, cos. Rigby, and others, till past one in the morning ; gave Dummy 1s. ; soe home with cos. Rigby.

May 19.—Affter dinr went to Ashton Halle ; stayd with Mr. Walker, cos. Rigby, Mr. Walker, of Aldclife, and Mr. Taylr, as also Geldreat, ye cryor, till near two in the morning ; soe home with cos. Rigby.

May 20.—Sent Ned Mally and Lawrence to Kirkland pro girlles; gave Ned Mally 2s. 6d. to give the girlles ; they brought cosin Anne Butler back with ym ; we all went to Hen. Westby's garden, stayd an hour ; so home.

May 21.—Went early to ffox Hall, but called Cockerham, off Bror ffrost, and dined ; thence to Pickup's ; spent 2d., soe to ffox Hall ; pd pro great tax to John Bonny 1s. 10d. ; soe to beed.

May 22.—Made a bargen with Robert Bambr, Sara and Dick Warbles, pro Rush Hey and two Upper fields, to be pd at Martinmas; received £8 10s. 00d. ffrom Dick Kellett at Thistleton; spent on Cowborn wives in Elswicke 4d. ; pd 1s. pro garden seeds, and sent 2s. to bee dranke with her son John ; soe to Lodge ; thence to Lanr.

Warbreck is often pronounced "Warbles" in the Fylde district.—Greenhalgh-with-Thistleton forms one township. A family of the name of Cornowe, of Cornowe, or Cornoroe, in this township, is the only family of particular note we find ever to have resided here. Robert Cornowe was returned as a free-tenant in 1585, and his *Inq. post-mortem* is dated 6 Jac. 1 (1608-9), and that of Roland Cornoe 7 Jac. 1 (1609-10). Ralph Cornoe about this time was seized in fee of messuages in Greenoe, Greenall, and Cornoe, and Henry Cornowe de Cornowe, was returned as a free-tenant in 18 Jac. 1 (1621). His descendant, Rowland Cornoe, was living here in 1693. The village of Thistleton is situated 4 miles N. of Kirkham, and a few years ago was principally purchased by the late Thomas Miller, Esq., of Preston, whose second son, W. P. Miller, Esq., is the present owner.—The Cowborns were for many generations tenants of the Leckonbys, on a small farm in Elswick, which is a township 4 miles N. of Kirkham. The demesne of Elswick was the property of John Leconbye in the time of Elizabeth, and continued in that family until the latter end of last century. Elswick Lodge, the only house of any pretentions at present in the township, was formerly the seat of the Rushtons, and was afterwards the property of Thomas Barrow, gent., whose daughter and heiress conveyed it in marriage to the late John Wadkin, Esq., who was succeeded by the present Mr. King. There was an engagement here when the Earl of Derby's troops passed through in their march on Lancaster, in 1643. Full and half-sized cannon balls, between 7 lbs. and 8 lbs. weight, have from time to time been discovered here.

May 23.—Gave Mrs. a ginny, part of Dick Kellett's moneys, and about 12 sett fforwards ffor Bardsey, to vissitt my Lord Molineux, affter ye death of his Lady; pd John Cartr 6d., and the other gide 6d,; rought Bardsey abountt 4, where ffound my Ld, his 8 sons, Massey, Will. Molineux, and ye bony Esq., all glade to see mee.

The manor of Bardsea, three miles S.S.E. of Ulverstone, became the property of the Andertons, by the marriage of Elizabeth, daughter and coheiress of Nicholas Bardsey, or Bardsea, who died in 1642, with James Anderton, of Clayton. William and Christopher Anderton were living here in 1672, and about the time of the Diary it was purchased by Lord Molineux as a hunting seat. Shortly afterwards it became the property of Christopher Wilson, who married Margaret, daughter of John Braddyll, of Conishead Priory, Esq., and, dying without male issue, his estates were divided between his daughters, the elder of whom, Sarah, married John Gale, of Whitehaven, Esq., and had a son, Wilson Gale, whose representative, Captain H. B. H. Gale, now holds it.

May 24.—Alday att Bardsey with dito company.

May 25.—In the morning my Ld, dito company, and I went to dine with bony Esqre; gave a boy 6d., & ye groome 1s.; thence to Dalton, where I spent 6d. off Mr. Woodworth, Massy man; soe to Bardsey.

May 26.—Alday att Bardsey. About 8, Mr. Molineux, Massy, and Will Molineux, left Bardsey.

May 27.—Alday att Bardsey till eivening, when my Lord tuke his 2 sons and mee 8 mills in his coach, to see his mares and ffine coultts.

May 28.—Lefft Bardsey about 5 post prandium; gave ye butler and grome 5s., ye cooke and chamber-made 4s., and little Will Shuttleworth 2s.; gave John Carter 6d.; thence to Lanr.

Sir William Lord Viscount Molyneux, 4th Viscount, married Bridget, daughter and heiress of Robert Lucy, of Charlecot, county Warwick, and, dying in 1717, aged sixty-two, was succeeded by his eldest son Richard, 5th Viscount Molyneux, born 1678, died 1738, who married Mary, daughter of Francis Lord Brundenell, eldest son of Robert Earl of Cardigan, and had issue—William, who died in 1706; Margaret, who married, first, Thomas Clifton, of Lytham, Esq., and, second, William Anderton, of Euxton, Esq.; and Dorothy. On the death of the 5th Viscount, his brother, Caryll, succeeded to the title, and, dying in 1745, left issue—Richard, 7th Viscount, a priest; William, 8th Viscount, who died unmarried in 1758; and Thomas, whose son, Charles William, succeeded as 9th Viscount, and conforming to the Established Church, 5th March, 1769, was shortly afterwards created Earl of Sephton, Viscount Molyneux of Maryborough.—John Carter was the guide across the sands.

May 29.—Alday in toune. In the eivening went to see Doctr More, and with him went to ye King's Armes to see Bror ffrost, who was with much paine just comen to toun, in Mrs. Edmondson's callash, to bee undr ye cuor off Doctr M; but hee tould mee it was too latte. I went with ye Doctr to Hen. Wayles to meet Mr. Mayr, &c.; spent 6d.; thence back to ye King's

Armes; saw Bro^r^ Frost up stairs in his chamber; then tuke leave, w^h^ proved the last.

A "callash" (calesh or calash) was a small open chariot.—The Diarist sometimes made several entries at once, which accounts for the last four words here written.

May 30.—Left Lan^r^ about 6, and Mrs. and I rought Mr. Hornby, off Polton, about 10; dined there, gave ye boy 6d., and spent 4d. on Mr. Harper; soe to ffox Hall.

Edmund Hornby, Esq., of Poulton and Scale Hall, was the son of Geoffrey Hornby, a solicitor, settled at Preston, who was son of Hugh Hornby, who inherited Bankfield, in Little Singleton, from his sister, the wife of Dr. Swarbrick (the Nonconformist minister at Elswick), who resided at Bankfield. The *inq. post mortem* of Hugo Horneby, of Singleton Grange, is dated 14 Car. 1 (1638-9); he was ruined in the Civil Wars, and sold Bankfield to the Harrisons. Edmund Hornby married Dorothy, daughter of Geoffrey Rishton, of Antley, co. Lancaster, M.P. for Preston, and had issue—Geoffrey, of Poulton, and Scale Hall, near Lancaster, who died 27th March, 1732, and was buried at Poulton; George, rector of Whittingham, o.s.p.; and Anne, married to Edmund Cole, of Beaumont Cote, near Lancaster. The eldest son, Geoffrey, married Susannah, daughter and heiress of Edward Sherdley, of Kirkham, gent., by Ellen, his wife, daughter of John Veale, of Whinney Heys, Esq., and had issue (besides a younger son, Geoffrey, who died s.p. in 1801), Edmund Hornby, of Poulton and Scale Hall, born 1728, died 1766, who married Margaret, daughter of John Winckley, of Brockholes, Esq., by Elizabeth, daughter of — Starkie, of Huntroyde, Esq. He had issue three daughters and an only son and heir, Geoffrey, some time colonel of a regiment of Lancashire militia, afterwards rector of Winwick, who married Lucy, daughter of James, Lord Strange, and sister of Edward, 12th Earl of Derby. He had issue, amongst others, Charlotte Margaret, who married her cousin, Edward, Earl of Derby; and a son and heir, Edmund Hornby, of Dalton Hall, in Westmoreland, High Sheriff of Lancashire in 1828. He likewise married his cousin, Lady Charlotte Stanley, daughter of Edward, 12th Earl of Derby, and, dying in 1857, was succeeded by his only son and heir, Edmund George Hornby, Esq., of Dalton Hall, born in 1799, who married, in 1827, Sarah, second daughter of Thomas Yates, Esq., of Irwell House, in Lancashire, and had issue a son, Edmund Geoffrey Stanley Hornby, Esq., and other children.

May ult^o^.—Wentt with Mrs. in the morning to Litham; ffound Tom Worton there; stay^d^ alday; cos. Clifton very kind; gave W: W: 1s.; thence backe ffox Hall alnight.

June primo.—Ralph Nickson, Ben Corney, and Richard Kitchin sons, with Hen. Simpson, came ffor oates to carry to ye Lodge; gave y^m^ 1s. to spend; affter diner I went over ye common to see my Lady Pett^r's^ horses, and Mrs. went to Layton.

Mrs. Tyldesley, the Diarist's second wife, was the sister and co-heiress of Sir Alexander Rigby, of Layton Hall, knight. The manor of Layton originally belonged to the Butlers, barons of Warrington, and was transferred by Sir Thomas Butler, knight, who died 4 Ed. iv., to John Brown, mercer, of London, who sold it to Thomas Fleetwood, Esq., as is fully shown by the grant from the Crown, dated 19th March, 1553, which conveys the manor of Layton, or Great Layton, with all its members and appurtenances, and from whom it descended to the late Sir Peter Hesketh Fleetwood, baronet, of Rossal. The hall, however, was probably the possession of James Pickering, Esq., who married the daughter and heiress of —— de Hackenshawe, and inherited *in jure uxore* two thirds of the manor of Hackinsall; the other part being in possession of the Abbot of Cockersand, probably granted to that Abbey by

Richard de Hackenshaw, Abbot of Cockersand in 10 Hen. iv. (1401). His daughter and co-heiress, Margaret, married Richard Butler, son of Richard Butler, of Out Rawcliffe, and had issue a son Richard, who married Alice, daughter of William Westby, of Mowbreck, Esq. He had issue a son, Thomas Butler, who is described as of Hackinsall (and was ancestor of the Butlers of Hackinsall), and probably the one who disposed of the estate of Layton Hall to the Rigby family, of Burgh, in the parish of Standish. It is thus described by Thornber, in 1837—"Thus, Layton Hall, after having been the residence of the Butlers and Rigbys for three centuries, was taken down about seventy years ago, and is now a respectable farm house. It was formerly a massive gabled building, the interior of a very ancient appearance, and my venerable informer remembers the remains of an iron gate, or grating, at the foot of the stairs, acting as a portcullis. It was also, in every way, adapted as a hiding place for recusants, and tradition says that Cardinal Allen, for some time, found it a place of security." The property of the Rigbys became much involved from their attachment to the cause of Royalty; for we find Sir Alexander disposing of his estate, in Layton and Poulton, for the benefit of his creditors, for the sum of £19,200. From the abstract of the title, it appears that he was imprisoned for debt, till released by Act of Parliament 1st Geo. I., and his property vested in trustees. After this period he resided in Poulton, at his house on the south side of the market place, where his arms, and the date 1693, may yet be seen. His only son died young, and was buried in Poulton Church; the remnant of the property passing to the wife of the Diarist and her sister, Elizabeth Colley.

June 2.—Mrs. and I went to Roshall; dined with cos. ffletewood, who treated us very kindly. Wee stayd alday, and supped with him; gave 2s. to housekeep^{r} and W. Sharocke; thence to Fox Hall.

June 3.—About nine Mrs. and I sett out ffrom ffox Hall towards ye lodge, shee by Dick Kellet's, I by Staning. I called at Singleton, and received 15 shillings off Gregson wiffe; spent at Martha Welshe's 8d., where Mrs. meet mee; thence to ye Lodge, but as soon as wee got thither we hard off Bro^{r} ffrost death, Sunday night about 12, beffor, w^{h} made us not stay, but post to Cockerham; but he was buryed the night beffor, his phisicke not permiting him to keep. Wee stay^{d} an hower with y^{e} ladys; soe home.

Bror Frostt Dead.

June 4.—Went to Aldclife; p^{d} 1s. pro 2 samon mortts, and gave 2s. 6d. pro a ffox cub. Post p^{d}um: went to see Sr Will Penington att the Sun; ffound Mr. Record^{r} and George ffoxcrofft with him; stay^{d} an hou^{r}; hee went for Preston, I to Ned Cutl$^{r's}$; met Hen. Westby, Mr. Gutrick, Hother, and cos. Tom Carus; treated y^{m} with 5d.; soe to Mr. Beardsworth's; spent 8d. with dito company; thence home.

Sir William Pennington, of Muncaster, county Cumberland, was created a baronet 21st June, 1676. He married Isabel, eldest daughter of John Stapleton, eldest son of Sir Philip Stapleton, Knight, and dying 1st July, 1730, was succeeded by his eldest son Sir Joseph Pennington, whose grandson, Sir John Pennington, the 5th baronet, was advanced to the dignity of Baron Muncaster, 21st Oct., 1783, with remainder to his brother, Lowther Pennington, a general in the army, and Colonel of the Royal Veteran Battalion.

June 5.—Affter din^{r} went to cos. Rigby's to see Doct^{r} More and his lady; thence to Mr. Beardsworth; spent 6d. with that company; thence home.

June 6.—Tuke phisick; alday in the house; Jo. Hathorntwate came to see mee.

June 7.—Went to Aldclife; thence to meete ye old lady at din^r^ at Mr. Beardsworth's; spent 1s., soe home; tuke horse in ord^r^ for ffox hunting att Sullom; called att Thurnham; thence to Moncaster, where Will Page, Will Webster, and Will Stirzacer went with us to Dimples.

The last date was Sunday.—Dimples Hall, in the township of Catterall (now a farm house south-east of Garstang) was formerly the residence of the Plessingtons.

June 8.—As soon as day, wee went to meet severall company a hunting. Wee earthed ye bitch ffox; and tucke a cub beffor ye hounds, alive, affter running him 2 milles; thence to Garstange; spent 2s. pro man and selfe, Mr. Tay^r^, Mr. Moncast^r^, Will Stirzacr, Hen. Kirkham, and other^s^ with mee; thence to Thurnham, and so home.

June 9.—Affter diner, went to take leve with Doct^r^ More and his lady; spent 1s. with him, Mr. Bentley, and others; thence to the Bridge-end to see them take horse. About 8, Mr. Holden and I went to ye King's Armes to meet Capt. Rigby; hee p^d^ ffor a pint off wine and I 2d. pro all; thence to Hen. Wayles; met Mr. Backhouse, Mr. Etack, and Tom Tay^r^; stayd there till day; affter 12, spent 6d. in drinking dito's health with d^o^ company; soe home; had a botle off white wine with children, to drinke dito's health; soe too beed.

June 10.—About 2 went to Cockerham to see Bro^r^ ffrost's sist^r^s and litle miss; ffound a great many praising goods; went to Highgate; spent 2d. with my sist^r^; soe to Thurnham; stay^d^ 2 howr^s^ in drinking dito health; soe home.

"Litle miss" would be the daughter of Walter Frost.—"Prasing" means appraising.

June 11.—Alday in the house; accounted with Hen. Wayles, and p^d^ him all due; accounted lickwise with Ned Heysham; went to beed at seven, in ord^r^ to hunt fox, att Ellal Milles.

June 12.—Went ffrom home att one, towards Ellal Milles, in ord^r^ to meet Mr. Jon, &c.; stay^d^ till near 4, but noe huntsmen came; I spent 2d. and Jemmy Shearson 2d., and charged Mr. Jon with 4s.; soe home; p^d^ 7d. pro a lett^r^ ffrom Jack Láyborn ffrom Bath, wch I tuke very kindly; spent nothing, tho^h^ called at 2 alehouses; soe home.

The charge to Mr. Jon's account was a mode of paying him off for the Diarist's disappointment; it was no small joke to get up at one in the morning, ride several miles, and wait until four, in the expectation of a fox hunt, and after all find that he had been deceived.

June 13.—Alday in the toun, butt in noe ale house; ffatiged myselfe with walking on the Green Eyer, seeing y^em boolle.

June 14.—Went with Mrs. to Aldclife; affter din^r went to Mr. Beardsworth's, where I ffound Mr. Caterall, of Crooke, comen in a prison^r; spent 8d.; ye goven^r tould me of 2 weddings—one of Blenhard Butl^r to Lutt^nt Tracy, and ye oth^r. &c.; cosin Catrin Butler and cos. Pegay came to see Mrs.; I went to beed att ffive, and riss about 10, sup^d, and then mounted ffor ffoxhunting, towards Scorton.

June 15.—Called of Mr. Ion; meet young cos. Butler, of K—kland, young Plesington, Dick Gorney, Tho. Barton, and oth^r; ffound a martran in Scorton Parke, w^h made us sport ffor 2 howers; affter the death, wee 12 of us went to ye Old Hollings; spent 8d. each; thence to Cockerham with Mr. Jon; spent 8d. with him and Dick ——; soe home.

A "martran" would be a martern or a marten—a little thing like a weasel.

June 16.—Alday att home till eivening; then wentt to Mr. Beardsworth; spent 8d. with Mr. Guterick and Mr. Caterall, and stay^d till past a leven; thence home, but they were bussy dancing, and would not goe to them, because Younge Hornby had the impudence to come affter his sivility att ye assizes; but went to beed.

Younge Hornby.

Mrs. Tyldesley appears to have been giving a dance, and the presence of "Younge Hornby" (probably Geoffrey, eldest son of Edmund Hornby, of Poulton and Scale, solicitor) was evidently disagreeable to the Diarist, who retired sullenly to bed.

June 17.—Alday in ye house and gardening; went to beed about 7, and riss at 10, in ord^r to goe a ffox hunting.

June 18.—Went to Scorton; met Mr. Moncaster, old Catchall, and Tho. Barton, and ffound noething till wee came to Grisdale, when we killed a martran, and on Calder unkennelled a ffox, ran him a how^r, but the severity of ye day being soe hotte, made us loos him; thence to Garstange; spent with litle Dick Shutleworth and Mr. Mon^r 1s. 4d.; soe to White Hill, alnight; spent with Cuddy Threlfall, Robt. Walker, and oth^rs 1s. and p^d 4d. pro a botle off ale, to treat Mr. Tay^r, at Dick Gorney's; soe to beed.

Grizedale Beck, to the south of Scorton, is a small stream joining the Wyre about three quarters of a mile north of Garstang. There is also a stream called Grizedale River running into the Wyre, near Tarn Brook. The Calder runs into the Wyre at Catterall, close to Garstang Churchtown.

June 19.—About 12, went to Kirketoune a ffishing; meet cos. Butler, Mr. Plessington, and oth^r, but got nothing, ye net soe bad; spent 8d.; gave Wilding 1s. 4d. to get ye black mare shooed; p^d 6d pro Lawrence, and p^d 8d pro Hen. Madsley, Dick Gorney, and Kitchin; soe to beed.

June 20.—P^{d} pro ale 4d., and gave ye made 6d; soe a ffox hunting to Tarn brooke; wee ffound a good trayle on Sollom, but drive of with rane; thence to New Hollins; spent 4d in brandy; thence to Thurnham; stay^{d} 4 hours; soe home.

Tarn brook runs into the Wyre in Upper Wyresdale.

June 21.—Went to Aldclife; affter din^{r} Capt Halley came to see us; about 7, cosins Catty and Mally Butler went home; gave ffanny, &c., 5s., and Ned Mally 10s., to goe with Ruby to Chester; and then went with Capt^{t} Hally to Mr. Beardsworth's, where Capt^{t} Hally treated us with a boul of punch, viz:—Cos. Cole, Gutrick, Hother, Capt^{t} Rigby, and mee; and wee clobed ffor an oth^{r}; soe home; spent 1s. 6d.

To club is to contribute towards, or pay an equal share of, a reckoning.

June 22.—Alday in the house till evening; went to take leave of Capt^{t} Halley, who was at Sun, mounted; hee gave Guticke and mee a could tankeard, and wee gave him a bottle of ffrench clarritt; soe parted, hee ffor Clitherow, I home; gave Mrs. 1s.

June 23.—P^{d} 11d. pro lett^{rs}, and gave 6d. to Mrs.; about the house and in the garden all the day; gave Tom Monny 2d. pro braking a hole pro ye ffox; gave George Wambsley's man 4d., and 2d. to drink, pro seting up the ffox kenell; Agnes Roscall came to see us.

The Tyldesleys always kept a fox chained up at Fox Hall, and from this entry it would appear that the Diarist also kept one at his residence in Lancaster. This practice was continued at Fox Hall until within the last half century.

June 24.—In the morning went to Cockerham and Marshside, and returned back to Thurnham to pray^{rs}, and ffrom thence home to din^{r}, where severall came to see mee; I satte with y^{m} till 5 post prand; then I went too beed; gave Lawrence 6d, and p^{d} him 6d.

This was Wednesday, the nativity of St. John the Baptist.

June 25.—Went about one a ffox hunting towards Cloughall; called of Mr. Tayl^{r} at Parke Hall; thence to Jemmy Gibson's where wee parted hounds; I tucke ye find^{rs}; Jemy Gibson went with Lawrence C. and mee; wee meet Tommy Hodgshon who went with us; att 2 brigs, wee tuke kine trall, w^{h} never left the brookes till wee came to Barkin bridge, butt noe oter could wee stire; soe parted and went home.

Clough Hall lies between Wray and Bentham, N.E. of Lancaster.—Quernmore Park, anciently called Park Hall, was formerly the seat of the Cliffords. Gray says:—"Here is a park of the Hon. Mr. Clifford, a Catholic. The grounds between him and the river are indeed charming; the house is ordinary, and park nothing but a rocky fell, scattered over with ancient hawthorns." The estate, together with the old hall, was purchased by Charles Gibson, Esq., from Lord Clifford, brother to the Hon. Edward Clifford. The present handsome mansion, built of white polished freestone,

stands in the centre of a noble park, part of the ancient forest of Quernmore, containing a lake of some extent, and was erected by Mr. Gibson, the purchaser, in 1794. His son, Charles Gibson, Esq., died in 1832, and the estate was eventually sold, in 1842, to the late William Garnett, Esq., from whom it passed on his death, in 1863, to his son, William James Garnett, Esq., the present owner.—"Lawrence C." would be the Diarist's servant, Lawrence Cutler.—A "kine trall" is a cow track or road for cattle.—Barkin Bridge crosses the stream, a little above Roeburndale, about 8 miles east of Lancaster.

June 26.—Almorning in the house; p^d 8d. pro a lett^r ffrom Jack Layborne ffrom the Bath; about 7 post prandium, went to Mr. Beardsworth, to Cap^tt Hawley and cos. Will. Wadsworth; the Cap^tt. about 12, went to beed, but cos. W. Wads—th sat with mee till one; spent 1d.; thence to Cockerham.

June 27.—About 8, rought the boate, and beffor 9 got all my loading, except 4 loads, into her; p^d 2d. to Tho. Derdell and 8 wimen; spent at Highgate on the cartes, servants, and selfe, with Mr. Jon, 2s. 6d., and Will. Bell, Rob. Bread, &c.

William Bell, gent., of Parrox Hall, was the only son of — Bell and Mary, his wife, eldest daughter of William Fyffe, of Wedacre, Esq., M.D., J.P. county of Lancaster, by Helen, his wife, eldest daughter and coheiress of Henry Butler, of Hackinsall, Esq. William Bell died *sine prole* in the lifetime of his mother, and under the will of her brother, Thomas Fyffe, the estates passed to the issue of his younger sister, Katherine Fyffe, who married John Elletson, of Lancaster, gentleman, and had issue nine children, the eldest of whom, William Elletson, gentlemen, succeeded to the property and lived at Hackinsall. After his death there was great litigation, which lasted several years, as to who was heir-at-law to the estates, until 1745, when his brother Roger appears to have fully established his right. He married Frances Larn, in America, and left issue, amongst others, William and Roger Hope. William, the eldest son, succeeded to Hackinsall, and lived at Parrox Hall; he was the great grandfather of the present possessor, Daniel Hope Elletson, Esq., of Parrox Hall. The younger brother, Roger Hope Elletson, was sometime Governor of Jamaica, and married Anne Eliza, daughter of Richard Gamon, Esq., and died without issue. His widow married second, James Bridges, third Duke of Buckingham and Chandos, 21st June, 1777.

June 28.—Att Aldcliffe; in the morning Rob. Bread brought ye boat up to ye bridge, and his father, hee, and son, dined with mee; p^d 2d. pro a lett^r goeinge, and 8d. pro a lett^r ffrom Doct^r Wortington; Nancy Pick brought mee £6 10s. 0d. ffrom Dick Gorney; Mr. B——worth, Gutrick, and Hother came and sat with mee very kindly 8 howers.

This was Sunday.

June 29.—Got up beffor 4, and with severall ffreinds, helpe gott a boat load off turfe into my sell^r beffor 6; p^d 4 men ffrom the Castle ffor worke, 1s. 6d.; p^d Tho. Dunderdale pro turfe geting and severall oth^r things, 17s., all due to him; p^d Rob. Bread pro his wages of bringin the boat up 10s.; p^d poor Tom Edsforth, tay^r, beeing sick, 1s.; and p^d 9s. to ye quaker pro turfe and coalls; thence to Halton with Mrs., where wee met Gutrick, Hoth^r, and Mr. Milles; stay^d till near 8; soe home.

The baronial Castle of Lancaster was built by Roger de Poictou, on the site of the Roman castrum. Under the munificent hand of John of Gaunt, it was re-edified, and endowed with more than its original strength and splendour. At this time it was surrounded by a moat, with a draw-bridge in front, and port cullis at the entrance gate, made of thick wrought iron. The next era of renovation was in the reign of Queen Elizabeth, 1585. It was then rather a fortress than a baronial residence, and it has ever since served as a County Prison, and a seat for the administration of public justice.

June 30.—Gave Nancy Pick ffor bringing mee some moneys, 1s., ffrom honest Dick Gorney; att home the remand^{r} off the day.

July primo.—Went in the morning to Cockerham sale; bought a bull pro £5 1s. 0d.; spent on Mr. Holden, who went with mee, 4d., and spent with Mr. Charnley and Ned Reed^{r} 6d.; thence home.

£5. 1s. for a bull seems a strange price; but money, as experience proves, has only a relative value, and alters with the varying circumstances of society. For instance, in the 14th century, a fat ox sold for 16s.; a sheep, 1s. 2d.; a hog, 3s. 4d.; a goose, 2½d.; whilst ale was 1d. per gallon, and shoes 4d. per pair. In the 16th century beef and mutton were one halfpenny per pound, and veal and pork three farthings. At the beginning of the present century (in 1828) beef was 7d. per lb., and mutton 6d. At present, in 1872, the price of beef is from 11d. to 1s. per lb.; mutton, 11d.; and pork, 9d.

July 2.—Went early in ye morning, Mr. Holden with mee, to Hackinsall, where wee got our brakeffast; thence to ffew closse; met Jo. Wadsworth, 2 Dickey Shutlesworth, Richd Brekell, marin^{r}, and 2 carpindr^{s}. R^{d} Breckell and I made a bargen betwixt Jo. Wadsworth, Tom few, and Jo. Twentiman, ffor bulding a 60 tune ship, att £1 2s. 0d. per tun. Jo. Wadsworth p^{d} all except 6d., wo^{h} I p^{d}; soe back to Lan^{r}.

July 3.—Gave Mrs. halfe a ginney; about 12, left Lan^{r}, went to ye Kirke town, where I saw the partys above signe articles—Sany Butler and others in company; spent 9d.; soe the Whit Bull all day.

July 4.—P^{d} pro horses 1s., and pro man, selfe, 1s. 3d., and gave the made 3d.; thence to Lodge and Preston; spent att din^{r}, pro man, horses, and selfe, 2s.; thence to Banist^{r} Hall.

July 5.—P^{d} Dudell pro ffine yarne 1s. 6d., and affter din^{r} went with N. Winckley to Low^{r} Hall; sup^{d} there; gave ye groome 1s.; thence to Banister.

July 6.—Gave ye servants at Banister Hall 3s.; thence to Preston; spent 1s., and p^{d} 6d. pro a lett^{r}; thence to Garstange; found sist^{r} Katerin Tyldesley att Mr. King's; sat with her an how^{r}; thence home.

Katharine Tyldesley was the Diarist's half sister, his father having married to his second wife Elizabeth, daughter of Adam Beaumont, of Whitley, Esq.

July 7.—About 12, went to Cockerham to meet a company of honest lads; tuke a peck of peas, cost 1s.; spent with them 1s. 6d.; soe home—in numbr 21, two parsons, a high constable, 4 salt officers, &c., with severall yemon men.

Yeomen are plebeians of the first, or more respectable class, and freeholders; they were considered in England as next in order to the gentry. The word is derived from the Saxon *gemæne*.

July 8.—Affter dinr went to Fox Hall; calld att Pickup's, spent 8d.; soe to ffox Hall.

July 9.—Left ffox Hall about 8 in the morning; Dick Kellett went with mee to poor cos. W: W: sale, mannaged by Ned Winckley; stayd there till one; bought a smothing iron pro 1s. 6d.; thence to ye Lodge, & ffrom thence to Garstange, where I mett my Mrs., who was gotten thither to see sistr Katren T. Rob. Brookes & his bror Tom was there; stayd with them, parson Kipackes, & parson Waring, & honest John Lampley, 2 howrs; pd 1s. 6d. at Bety Wakefield. Left Garstange about 8; called att ye Old Hollings to thank honest Lucas pro his present of lemon; spent 6d.; thence home.

From the way the Diarist speaks of "cos. W: W:," or the Rev. William Westby, and from the fact that he is never afterwards mentioned, it would lead us to suppose that he died about this time.—The Rev. Archippus Kippax was presented to the Vicariat of Ormskirk, 12th April, 1693, by William Richard George, Earl of Derby, and held it until his death in 1718.

July 10.—All the morning very bussy in the garden, & all our famuly. Pd pro lettrs 8d., and 1d. pro ffreatt; and all the affter nonn in ye house. Mr. Wm. Winckley & Mr. Holden came to see mee.

"Freatt" may be for freight or fruit.

July 11.—Pd 6d. pro ffish. Mr. William Winckley and Mr. Holden dined with mee. In the eivening I brought him to ye White Cross, and spent 7d. of him, Mr. Holden, and Ned Pye.

The Rev. William Winckley (brother of Edward Winckley, Esq., of Banister Hall), was Rural Dean of Leyland Hundred, and was buried at Barbles Moor, in Ulnes Walton, in the parish of Croston, the ancient property of the Gradells, who intermarried with the Winckleys. The ecclesiastical members of this family, for better security, generally assumed the name of Elston, no doubt from the property the family held in that township. We find the Rev. Thomas Winckley went to Douay College in 1716, and left, in 1730, to be Confessor to the English Nuns of St. Clare, at Dunkirk; also James and Edward, who were known by the name of Elston.—The White Cross is marked on Speed's map as being at the southern end of the town (Lancaster), at the junction of "Chennell Lane" with "Penny Strete." For many years there has been a public-house (still in existence) at the southern end of Lancaster called the "White Cross."

July 12.—Went to Alclife in ye morning; found Sir James Poole at my

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house; he and Mr. E. Winckley dined with mee; all the remaindr of the day in ye house; Sr James went ffor Preston affter dinr.

July 13.—Bussy in my hay till noun, but then it raned; all the remandr off the day in the house.

July 14.—Ned Mally returned outt off the ffeild, but ye costome-house officers would not lett the boat bring me any corne ffrom Wire. Got my great horse shooed; soe home.

July 15.—Led 8 loads of haye, but taken up by the rane. About 7, went Mr. Beardsworth's; spent 4d. with Mr. Hothr, cos. Carus, and Mr. Guterdge.

July 16.—Gave Mrs. 1s.; thence to Nateby to dinr, to see ytt ffamyly just returned from ye Bath; thence to Preston; spent 6d. with dear Ned W.; thence to Banister Hall alnight.

"Ye Bath" means the city of Bath, the capital of Somerset, now a fashionable and prosperous watering-place.

July 17.—Alday att Banister Hall.

July 18.—Went with dr Ned W. to Preston; pd pro meat pro mee et Ned 1s., and 4d. pro ale; spent afterwards on him and Mr. Parkinson 1s., and satt prety late; spént 8d. more, soe to Banister Hall.

July 19.—Alday at Banister Hall.

July 20.—Went with dear Ned W. to Ormskirk, in ordr to speake to Mr. Blackborne about ye leases; gave ye servants 8s.; met Mr. Parkinson at Penwortham; pd 6d at ffleet Bridge; thence to Seath Bibby, in Ormskirk. About 3, went to Mr. Blackborne at ye Wheat Sheaffe, where Mr. Par—on gave lawr Starkey a ffey, wh did us service. I spent 6s. 8d., soe to Seath Bibby, and because they went to my ost-house, I went out to a quar in Crosbys to lye, but with little easse.

"Mr. Blackborne" was Jonathan Blackburn, Esq., of Oxford.—Lawyer Starkey would be Thomas Starkie, solicitor, of Preston, 4th son of Nicholas Starkie, who was second son of John Starkie, Esq., of Huntroyde. Nicholas, by his wife, Elizabeth, daughter of Col. Gunter, of Anbury, co. Wilts, had issue five sons—Edmund, barrister-at-law, M.P., for Preston, o. s. p.; Nicholas, of Riddlesden Hall, co. York, who married Sarah, daughter and coheiress of Valentine ffarrington, Esq., M.D., of Preston, and had issue a son, Le Gendre, the eventual successor to his cousin, Piers Starkie, of Huntroyde; John, rector of Halneker, o. s. p.; Thomas, as above, who married a daughter of George Bulkeley, Esq., of Charter House-square, and o. s. p.; and William, merchant, of Manchester, who married Mary, daughter of Thomas Foxley, of Manchester. William had issue Thomas Starkie, of Frenchwood House, Preston, Esq., who married Catherine, daughter of Edward Downes, of Shrigley, co. Chester, Esq., and was succeeded by his son Nicholas, of Frenchwood, co. Lancaster,

and Riddlesden Hall, co. York, whose daughter and coheiress, Elizabeth Susannah, married, in 1815, Henry Bence Bence, Esq., of Thorington Hall, co. Suffolk, father of the present Col. Bence.—The "ost house" might mean the malt-house ("ost" or "oost" being a vessel for the drying of hops and malt), or it might simply mean the house of the person with whom the Diarist was staying—his host's house.

July 21.—Mr. Winckley left Ormskirke by ffive in the morning and Mr. Parkinson about eleven; hee p^{d} the house, and very kindly lent mee £10, w^{h} Mr. Blackborne reffused hee should doe. Memorand Mr. P. I stay^{d} till 5 expecting doug^{r} ffanny ffrom Cultheth; spent 4s. in meat and drinke, and p^{d} 6d. pro straped; then doug^{r} Betty and I went towards Preston, Maddam Coup^{r} with us; p^{d} 6d. at ffleet Bridge, and just as wee rought Longton, a show^{r} fforsed us in a litle alhouse, where wee stay^{d} 2 hours; spent 6d.; soe to Dick Jackson's alnight.

Mr. Parkinson's frendship.

"6d. pro straped" means that amount on credit—"on strap" as the term now goes.—The township of Culcheth is in the parish of Winwick, and is six miles N.E. of Warrington. It originally belonged to a family of the same name, and passed, in 1688, with Catherine, daughter and heiress of Thomas Culcheth, in marriage to John Trafford, Esq., of Croston. From the Traffords it was sold to the Withingtons, who now own Culcheth Hall.—Fleet Bridge is over the Douglas, close to Tarleton, on the highroad between Preston and Ormskirk.—Longton is a village and township five miles S.W. of Preston.—"Dick Jackson's" was an inn in Preston.

July 22.—P^{d} 2s. 6d. pro ourselves and the horses, and gave the servantts 1s. 6d.; thence by the Lodge, where wee stay^{d} an how^{r} to Kirkland; met ffanny there; and about 4 o'clocke violent rayne began, w^{h} keept us all night, and much made on.

July 23.—Gave the servants 4s.; went with cos. Butler to Nepy's, in Garstange; spent 6d. with Mr. Moncast^{r}, Jo. Wadsworth, Tho. Barton, and Jack Gleave; p^{d} him 8d. pro meat; thence to ye High gate, where cos. Butler treated mee with a dram; hee to ye hall, I to Thurnham and home. Jack Layborne called in his way to Heysham, & stay^{d} halfe an how^{r}.

"Nepy's" was an inn, in Garstang.

July 24.—Gave Mrs. 1s. 6d. pro soape, and gave her 10s. to pay John Clarke's a debt ffor stufe; gave Ned Mally 1s., and sent him to Dick Kellet about the monys due to mee; went to see ffor a samon, to send to London, at Halton; spent 6d. and Mr. Beardsworth.....My Ld Molineux sent his caterar with a hansh off fine venison; gave him 2s. 6d.; soe to beed.

A caterer was the purveyor or provider of victuals, and other necessaries, in the house of a nobleman.

July 25.—Tuke phisicke; p^{d} Richd Sturzacr pro ffrut and peys 8s.; gave Mrs. one shilling to pay pro childrens' bonetts; p^{d} 2d. pro eges, and

p[d] Lawrence 2s. as wages, and gave him 2d. to spend at Cond[r] Green. Gave Ned Mally 10s. pro Powson, dansing m[r], 10s. pro Pet[r] Cock, and 10s. pro Prince of W.

The 25th of July is dedicated to St. James the Great (the patron saint of Spain), and no doubt in honour of the exiled Stuart family was made a great day of by the Royalists in this part of the country.

July 26.—Mrs. and Mr. Beardsworth, with Mr. Gutrick, Hodder, and cos. Catterall, dined with us on the hansh off venison, as did cos. Tom Carns. In the eivening I went to Mr. Beardsworth's; spent 6d. in dito company; soe to beed.

This was Sunday.

July 27.—Gave Mrs. 7s. 6d., and doug[r] ffanny 5s.; thence to Kirkland, Lodge, and Preston; spent there 7d.; thence to Bannister Hall alnight.

July 28.—In the morning went early towards Standish with dear Ned W:; ffound Sany Butler att Seath Whalley's; p[d] 6d.; thence to Standish; Bro[r] James T: met us; we sign[d] all the leases, viz., in No[br] 14; Mr. Parkinson p[d] all. I went to Wigan to honest Isack Knipe, who made much on mee.

Sir Thomas Tyldesley, the Diarist's grandfather, married Frances, daughter of Ralph Standish, of Standish, Esq., and at a still earlier period, Mary, daughter of Thurstan Tyldesley, of Tyldesley and Wardley (by Jane, daughter of Ralph Langton, Baron of Newton) married another Ralph Standish, of Standish, so that the two families were closely allied.—"Bror James T:" may refer to a brother of the Diarist, of whom, however, we can learn nothing.

July 29.—P[d] ffor 6 knives and 6 fforkes 6s. 6d.; p[d] lickwise pro a style suuffe box, w[h] honest Plafellow ffilled pro Mrs. Winckley, 3s.; and pay[d] pro horses and servantt 2s., and 1s. 6d. to y[e] servants; my kind ffriend treated the rest. Left Wigan about 4.

July 30.—Gave y[e] servantts att Banister Hall 3s.; thence to Preston; p[d] to Mr. Ruston pro cloath ffor a hous and materialls 7s. 8d.; and gave honest Will Winnard 5s. to buy lace, &c.; spent 7d.; thence homewards; spent att Cockerham 8d., and p[d] 1s., pro Adam Kellett, who had bought a cart load of wheat, malt, and some bottles; soe home.

July 31.—P[d] pro sug[r] for corren wine 7s. 6d.; gave Mrs. 1s., and p[d] 8d pro a lett[r].

August primo.—Gave Mrs. 6d to bye eges and roots; p[d] 6d pro two samon ffish. John Hathorntwaite came to see mee; al afternoon bussy in my hay; p[d] y[e] hay makers 3s.; soe to beed.

The Hathornthwaites were an ancient family, deriving their name from one of the twelve vaccaries of Over Wyresdale. John Hathornthwaite, of Over or Upper Wyresdale, had issue two sons—John, of Catshaw, gent., who was a Catholic non-prior in 1716, and died unmarried; and William, who lived at Stonyhurst, and married Ellen, daughter and co-heiress of Richard Blackburn, gent., of Stockenbridge, a junior branch of the Orford family. Through this marriage he became possessed of Stockenbridge, Hale, Livesey Hall, in Sutton, Luddocks, &c., and dying, left issue—John Hathornthwaite, of Catshaw and Forton, gent., unmarried, whose will is dated, 26 November, 1753; Margaret, married to Robert Walker, of Forton; Agnes, married to William Caton, of Carr House, in Cabus, gent., who died *s.p.*; Sarah, spinster, of Garstang; Mary, married to Richard Leckonby, Esq., of Great Eccleston; Jane married to Mr. Crook; and Elizabeth, married to Mr. Alston. The property, after paying off some legacies, eventually became the possession of Mr. Leckonby, whose grandaughter, Mary, married Thomas Henry Hele Phipps, Esq., J.P., and D.L., of Leighton House, Wiltshire, High Sheriff of that county in 1804, by whom the estate was sold. Catshaw, which adjoins Hathornthwaite, is also one of the twelve vaccaries of Over Wyresdale.

August 2.—Went to Aldclife; about 5, went with Mrs., 4 dougʳˢ—Fanny, Betty, Aggy, and Winny, to Hen. Westby's; treated them with pence a pice in ffrute; went to Mr. Beardsworth's to meet Mr. Bordley, who willingly offerd to goe to Mrs. Wilson, of Casterton, aboutt monys; spent on him and Mr. B—worth, 2s. 6d., in white wine; soe home.

Mrs. Wilson would probably be the widow of Roger Wilson, Esq., of Casterton Hall, in the parish of Kirby Lonsdale, Westmoreland, a younger son of Edward Wilson, Esq., of Haversham Hall (ancestor of the family of Wilson, of Dallam Tower), by his second wife, Dorothy, daughter of Richard Kirkby, of Kirkby Hall, in Furness. He was the ancestor of the family of Carus Wilson, of Casterton Hall.

August 3.—Almorning in the house; in the eivening went to see landlord Thornton, whose brother, of Oxclife, lay dead att his mother's; ffrom thence to Mr. Beardsworth's; spent with lawʳ Rigby and cos. Sherson, 1s., in white wine; soe home; pd 2s. pro meall.

"Lawyer Rigby" may either refer to one of the Lancaster branch of the family, descended from Edward Rigby, youngest son of Baron Rigby, or to Alexander Rigby, of Middleton, who married Ann, daughter and coh. of John Townley, of Clitheroe, gent., younger son of John Townley, of Dutton, and died in 1716, leaving issue a son and succesor, Townley Rigby, the father of Sarah, the wife of William Shawe, jun., of Preston, gent., from whom the estates eventually descended to the late William Shawe, Esq., of Preston. Alexander Rigby was the grandson of his namesake, a Lieut.-Colonel in the Parliamentary army, who was the son of Alexander Rigby, Baron of the Exchequer, M.P. for Wigan, and the Colonel who besieged Lathom House in the Civil Wars.

August 4.—Pd the dister's boy 6d. pro dyeing some black; affter dinr, aboutt 8, went to ye ffunerall of Mr. Edwd Thornton, where most off the town was; afterwards went to Mr. Beardworth's; spent 6d. with young Mr. John Lawson and Mr. B——worth; soe home.

"Dister's" means dyer's or dyester's.

August 5.—Went in the morning to William Tompson, off Wharmere Parke, about my coults bringing to Parke Hall. Returned home at noun; about 7, two Mr. Hornbys, cos. shee Coale, Mr. Gutrick, and Mr. Hother,

came to eat a mellon with us, affter wh the fell a dancing, and hee cos. Cole not beeing there, I went to his house to keep him company, and sat with Parson Hornby, him, and Mr. Ley, ye dansing mr, till past 11; soe home.

Geoffrey Hornby and the Rev. George Hornby, Rector of Whittington, and Mrs. Cole, the wife of Edmund Cole, of Beaumont Cote, near Lancaster, were the two sons and only daughter of Edmund Hornby, Esq., of Poulton and Scale Hall.—Wharmere Park was Quernmore Park, near Lancaster, now the residence of W. J. Garnett, Esq.

August 6.—Sent Ned Maly to Mr. Bordley, who pd him 1s. 6d. ffor his expenses, and brought my papre back; affter dinr Mrs. and her 2 daugrs went to cossin Coles; I went to Mr. Beardsworth, and spent 1s. 4d. with Mr. Gutricke, Hother, cos. Caterall, Mr. Mills, and Mr. Beardsworth; say about 10, old Tom Carus and Doctr Drinkwell came to us, and we alle stayd till 12; soe home.

August 7.—Went with Mr. B——worth to Garstange; spent in his quartrs 1s.; Dick Gorney meeting us about Lodge moneys rasing; spent att Betty Wakffeild 1s. 8d.; thence to New Hollings, where govr spent his 8d.; thence to Ellall Mills, where we each off us spent 6d.; soe home.

August 8.—Gave Mrs. 2s. 6d. in ordr to by things into ye house; in the morning went to my hay, but affter dinr soe violent rane that I was in the house the remaind of the day. I was at Mr. B——worth's memord. Benco: Certon; who showed mee in ye morning such a lettr consarning Scorten Blenco ytt I never saw in my days.

August 9.—Went in the morning to Aldclife and to X; Dr. H: came back to dinr. In ye house ye whole day. Andrew Snape came to speak to me about Xpr Partherson; pd 1d. ffor ffrute.

The 9th was Sunday; Dr. Harden, or Hawarden, was serving the mission of Aldclife at this time.

August 10.—Went in the morning to Aldclife; thence to my hay and very busy alday. Spent with Lawr Rigby, Mr. Gutrik, Hothr, and Milles, and one Mr. ffrith, 1s.; soe home.

August 11.—Very bussy alday in my hay, In the evening Bror Gutrik and Hothr went home with mee; and about 7 godson Layborne and one Crage came to see mee ffrom Comberland.

Mathew Cragg, of Cammerton, in Cumberland, gent., was a Catholic non-juror in 1716.

August 12.—Very bussy in my hay. About 2 post prand, godson and

Mr. Crage went towards Natby; I brought them to Aldclife. Rem^{dr} of ye day bussy in my hay, and ffinished ye geting of it all.

August 13.—Alday in toun. Went to see Jemmy Leyborn and Doct^{r} Harden at Betty Parkinson's, but spent nothing. Spent 6d with Tom T, Ralph P^{r}, and Mr. Boreskell, at Sun; thence to Mr. Beardworth's. Spent 6d with ye prisoners; soe home.

The prisoners referred to would be those in Lancaster Castle, and the money spent "with" them, might mean the distribution amongst them of something which had cost the Diarist the sum named; or it may have referred to his treating them, for in old times, prisoners for debt in Lancaster Castle had a sort of refreshment department in the place, and could get almost what they liked for pay.

August 14.—Alday in the toune. Bought off Jo. Knight 6 yards of druget, att 1s. per yard; p^{d} 6d. pro lett^{r}, and p^{d} Nab: 6d. pro hay making; soe to beed.

August 15.—Went early to Natby, to prayr^{s}; thence to ye Woodend, where I ffound poor Ned Mally; stay^{d} 2 howr^{s} with him and Thomas Keaton; gave Ned 1s.; thence to a litle alehouse, near Snapwood; spent 4d.; thence to Cockerham; spent 7d. with Parson Wint^{r} and Mr. Jon; soe home.

Saturday, the 15th, was the Assumption of the B. V. M.

August 16.—Went Adcliffe in the morning. Mrs. and I brought Robt. Walker and his wiffe backe with us to din^{r}; dined with us 2 of cos. Carus, his daugr^{s}. 2 of cos. Cuddy Clifton's dugr^{s}, and old Mrs. Clifton; p^{d} 8d. pro lettr^{s}; soe to beed.

Cuthbert Clifton was the second son of Thomas Clifton, of Fairsnape, and brother of Thomas Clifton, of Lytham Hall. "Old Mrs. Clifton" was his grandmother, the widow of John Clifton, of Fairsnape, younger son of Thomas Clifton, of Westby.

August 17.—Alday in the toune; Mr. Bordley and Jos. Townson cam to see me and satt with me 2 howr^{s}; att Mr. Beardsworth's, ffor 2 howr^{s}; spent 6d; soe too beed.

August 18.—About 9, went to meete the Judges, att Kendell. Spent 2d. att Burton, and rought Kendell by 4 a clocke.

"Rought" means reached.

August 19.—P^{d} pro horses and selfe in Kendell, 4s: 8d. The Judges treated us with supr^{s}; made Judge Dor^{r}, marshall, and cryor, free of Burton, viz.:—Berisford and Frank; thence with ye Judges to Lan^{r}.

Sir Robert Dormer was the second son of John Dormer, Esq., of Lee Grange and Purston, co. Bucks, and inherited that property on the demise of his nephew, Sir William Dormer, Bart. He was M.P. for Bucks, and eventually became a judge of the Court of Common Pleas. He married Mary, daughter and co-heiress of Sir Richard

Blake, of London, and dying 18th September, 1726, left four daughters, his coheiresses, viz., Mary, Catherine, Elizabeth, the wife of John, Lord Fortescue, of Credan, and Richarda, the wife of John Packhurst, Esq., of Catesby. His elder brother, John, was created a baronet in 1661, and was succeeded by his son and heir, William, on whose decease, unmarried, in 1725-6, the baronetcy became extinct. Sir Robert's grandfather, Sir Fleetwood Dormer, was the son and heir of Peter Dormer, Esq., of Lee Grange and Purston, by Margaret, daughter of Thomas Fleetwood, of Vache, Esq.

August 20.—Dined with Judges and partte off ye Grand Jury, and in the eivening went to ye Sheriff and his jovell crew; Mr. Bland fforman; satt with them till 12; soe too beed.

August 21.—Dinᵈ with the Sherife, and affter dinʳ went to Mr. Berdsworth's, where I ffound Jo. and Will Wadsworth and Hugh Barton; spent 6d. with them, and in ye eivening mett my Lᵈ Barimore, Genˡˡ Harvey, Will Walker, and Sany Johnson there; sold Genˡˡ Harvey my horse Ruby pro 10 ginnys; spentt 1s: 6d; and soe to beed.

Richard Valentine, Esq., was the High Sheriff.—Daniel Hervey was made general 1st January, 1709.—Alexander Johnson, Esq., of Preston, was the eldest son and heir of William Johnson, of Preston, by his wife Maud, daughter and heiress of Dr. Combers, Master of Trinity College, Cambridge. The family was descended from John Johnson, of Walsh Whittle, whose grandson, Alexander, married Anne, daughter of William Turner, of London, merchant, and was the first of the family who settled at Preston. He also resided at Rishton Grange, in Yorkshire. He was born in 1603, and died in 1665, and was the grandfather of "Sany Jonson." His brother Richard was a Fellow of King's College, Cambridge, where, it is related, he died of grief upon King Charles' hard fate.

August 22.—Dined with ye Lᵈ Barimore, Mr. Vernon, of Mildewitch, and Will Walker, off London, att Mr. Beardsworth's; affter dinʳ, brought my Lᵈ to the toun's end; then cos. Butler and I gave orders ffor Tom Roe and Shirdley haveing there intrest and costts; in the eivening spent 7d. with Ned Winckley, Doctʳ Hesketh, &c. Ned W: went home with mee; I pᵈ pro a pint of wine ffor cos. Butler.

James, fourth Earl of Barrymore, served as a lieutenant-colonel in King William's army, in 1688; he was appointed a major-general in 1708, a lieutenant-general in 1710, represented the boroughs of Wigan and Stockbridge in the English Parliament, and was sworn of the Privy Council in 1713. He died 5th January, 1747, and was succeeded by his eldest son, James, fifth Earl.—Edward Sherdley, of Kirkham, solicitor, married Ellen, daughter of John Veale, of Whinney Heys, Esq., and left issue a daughter and heiress, Susannah, who married Geoffrey Hornby, Esq., of Poulton and Scale Hall.

August 23.—Went to Aldclife with Ned W.; hee, Doctʳ Hesketh, and Mr. Holden, dined with mee; about 3, I went to take leave with yᵉ Sherife, & brought him to Ashton; soe backe; I went to yᵉ Green Eyer, to watte on yᵉ Judges; my Lord Dormʳ came and satt with us an howʳ; I brought him home; thence Ned W: and I went to yᵉ Recordʳ about business; Ned W: stayᵈ all night with mee.

August 24.—The Sherife sent mee all his tobaco, pipes, & wine; gave his butler 5s. pro ye generous presentt; then went to wate on Judge Dorm^r^ out off the toun; brought him to Kirby Lansdell, where Mr. Knowles treated us generously; gave ye man 1s., and att the parson's gave the made an other shilling, who treated us well. Saw the Judge and company over ye River, towards Yorkshire, then turn^d^ backe, and James Overend came home with mee; spent 6d. in Kerby; Lawrence very drunk; spent 2d. at Halton; soe home.

The Judge would cross the Lune about half a mile south of Kirkby Lonsdale.—Lawrence was the Diarist's servant.

August 25.—Alday in the house; accounted and p^d^ Lawrence Cutl^r^ off, but James Overind made us ffreinds, soe y^tt^ now there is due to him just 3 pounds; gave Mrs. one ginny to pay the glov^rs^ lass a debt, and half a ginny to pay other dribles; p^d^ Law^ce^ on account off fform^r^ wages 7s. 6d.; soe to beed.

"Dribles," from the old word "dribblet," means a small portion; and, in money matters, a little sum, of a larger debt, paid at a time—an instalment.

August 26.—Left Lan^r^ about nine; thence to Preston march; spent 8d. with younge Mr. Whitingham & Esqre Brockalls the young^r^; saw the race; Robt Hull's galliway won; soe to White Bull alnight.

Singular to say, Preston Marsh (a large vacant space of flat ground, on the north-west side of the town, near the Ribble)—is still pronounced, by many of the common people, in the very way the Diarist writes it: they call it "the March" There used to be periodical sports here—the old corporate "colt jumping," for instance; and it seems from the entry of the Diarist that there were races upon the ground; but they were probably of a private nature, for we can find no record of any such sports at Preston beyond those which took place on Penwortham Holme and the Moor.

August 27.—P^d^ pro meat, drink, &c., 8s. 6d.; thence to ye Kirktoun; spent 6d. about the sip matt^rs^ with Hugh Barton, Jo. Wadsworth, and Dick Shutlesworth; thence by ye Lodge, to ye White Bull, alnight, where Cuddy Threlfall, of Asshes, meet me; p^d^ pro all 2s.

Hugh Barton, Esq., of Billsborrow, was a Catholic non-juror in 1716. He represented a younger branch of the Bartons, of Barton, near Preston, and having taken an active part in the Rebellion of 1716, was obliged to take refuge in France, where it is supposed he passed the remainder of his days. He married Elizabeth, daughter of William Haydock, Esq., of Cottam Hall (by Jane, daughter of Hugh Anderton, Esq., of Euxton), and sister and co-heiress of William Haydock, Esq., the last Lord of the Manor of Cottam, of that family.—Cuthbert Threlfall, of The Ashes, in Goosnargh, was an active supporter of the Royal cause, and a Catholic recusant in 1716, and after the Rebellion in that year he resided in Woodplumpton. This ancient family was descended from John Threlfall (vixit temp. Hen. VIII.), whose son, Edmund, died in 1570. He was probably the father of Edmund Threlfall, of Ashes and Threlfall, who was living in 1581. From his *Inqs. post mortem* dated 15 Jac. 1. (1617-18), it appears that he held lands, &c., in Threlfall, Goosnargh, and Hothersall. He married Julian, daughter of Cuthbert Heaketh, of White Hill, in Goosnargh, Esq., and left issue—John, of Ashes, æt. 12 in 1617, *o. s. p.*; Cuthbert, of

Ashes, who succeeded his brother, and died 28th September, 1693; William; and Alice, who married John Parker. Cuthbert, the second son by his wife Mary (who died 22nd July, 1680), left issue—Edmund Threlfall, Esq., of Ashes, the active Royalist, whom we have previously mentioned, who was buried at Goosnargh, 26th August, 1690, leaving issue, John, Agnes, and Julian; Cuthbert, mentioned in the Diary, who succeeded his brother to the Ashes, and of whose descendants we have already spoken in another place; and John, described in the Preston Guild roll as living at Ashes both in 1722 and 1744. Some years after this Ashes appears to have passed into other hands.

August 28.—Went an otter hunting; killed an otter, near New Mill, wh Cuddy Threlfall and I dressed; wee were a great many good company —Cuddy Threlfall, off Barton, Tho. Barton, and all the nigbrwhood, and wee eatte the whole otter; I pd pro Wilding, Cuddy Threlfall, and selfe, 3s.; soe to beed; wee dranke the house drye.

Several families of Threlfall were living at Barton at this time.—This company must have had its appetite wonderfully sharpened, to be able to devour an otter. The flesh of this animal has a rank and fishy taste. Falstaff alludes to the otter, and says that it is "neither fish nor flesh,"—a statement which has no doubt given rise to the current proverb, and to the additional qualifier—"nor good red herring," used by Dryden and others.

August 29.—Pd 2s. pro servant, &c.; soe a otter hunting to Wire, but killed non; spent 4d. att Highgate with Tom Slater, and thence to Thurnham; spent 2d., Jacke's, ye Cockes; soe home.

August 30.—Went in the morning to Aldclife; in the eivening to Mr. Beardsworth; spent 6d.; soe home.

This was Sunday, and the Diarist puts "X" in the margin.

August 31.—Pd to John Bracon 2s. ffor my black mare's trespass; then went with Majr. Recordr. and Alderman, to meet Mr. Will Hey——m and his son; spent with lawyr Rigby, Dunlop, and old Catchall 6d., att ye Sun; soe to Mr. Beardsworth's, where John Hathortwaite pd 2s. 6d. on old Tho. Baines's business; soe to beed.

The Mayor of Lancaster this year was Mr. John Bryer.—William Heysham was born at Lancaster, and, with his brother Robert, became an eminent merchant in London. He represented Lancaster from 1705 until his death in 1727. Robert served for the same borough from 1701 to 1714. In the Parish Church of Lancaster there is a marble tablet bearing the following inscription: "Sacred to the memory of William Heysham, Esq., formerly M.P. for the borough, ob. 7 July, 1726. He gave an estate near this town called *The Greaves* to the Mayor, Recorder, and three senior Aldermen, in trust, to divide the rent annually amongst eight poor ancient men of this borough. To commemorate the name and munificence of the donor this monument is erected by the trustees." Another monument commemorates Giles Heysham, of Lancaster, who died 1770, aged 60, and also his son John Heysham, M.D., who died 1834, aged 81.—A Thomas Baynes was Mayor of Lancaster in 1699, and may have been the person alluded to in the Diary.

September primo.—Alday in the toun; after dinr younge Mr. Hey——m calld with other and drank a bottle of wine. In the eivening went to Mr.

Will Hey——m, and stay[d] with him, the maj[r], and others, till ten; soe to beed.

September 2.—Alday in the toun; gave Mrs. halfe a ginny to pay Marg[t] Brown pro piges; gave her 6s. to pay Rich[d] Stirzacr ffor house and garden stoffe; then went to dine with Mr. Hey——m's, who treated us well, and a boull off punch affter din[r]; spent 6d. at Mr. Beard——th in y[e] eivening; soe to beed.

September 3.—Went to White Bull, to meet the tenents about taking in y[e] mortgage; Mr. Cross, Dick Gorney, and Ben Corney, very harty; spent 2s. 2d.; thence to y[e] Maines, alnight.

"Mr. Cross" was John Cross, of Myerscough, gent.

September 4.—In the morning Jos. Tounson came to mee to y[e] Maines, and affter din[r] wee went to Fox Hall, all night.

September 5.—In the morning Jos. Tounson & I went to Staning; made y[e] constable seas of 3 sives of oates as rent; p[d] y[e] constable Padlman 6d., and Robert Cardwell 6d. pro paine; spent 1s., soe to Pickup's. Treated Jos. Tounson at Pickup's with a din[r] & drinke; spent 2s. 6d., and gave Much Richard Warbrick 6d. on a bargen of tyeth leading, wh he spent; thence to Laton-heys to a foot race, where I won 6d. off Jos. Tounson—white aganst dun skin; soe home. Gave white my winings.

"Seas" is for seize.—Robert Cardwell, of Myerscough, who probably helped the constable in the seizure, was a Catholic non-juror in 1716.—"Paine" is an old word for toil or trouble.—The word "much," from the Saxon *mucel* or *muchel*, derived from *mycel* or *micel*, means great or mickle; the Diarist in another part writes "Great Warbrick."

September 6.—Left ffox Hall in y[e] morning; dined with younge lord affter hee, his sist[r], and I had been att Mr. Caton's; Dick Kellett and Jos. Tom——son dined with us. Jos went to Lan[r]; spent att a litle alhouse, near Snap-wood, 4d.; soe home; gave y[e] Lau. Anderton 1s.

This was Sunday.—Richard Butler, of Rawcliffe, was the young lord, and Mary, his sister.—Mr. Caton was evidently a priest, serving a mission in the neighbourhood of Rawcliffe.

September 7.—Alday in Lan[r]; gave Mrs. 8s. 6d. to pay Mary Tounson pro meatt; spent 6d. at Mr. B——worth's; soe home.

September 8.—Went to Penwortham to wate on Duches Hamilton; her tenents meet her shorte off Preston, w[ch] shee treated very well at Garstange; went to Ashton and stay[d] till 12; soe home.

September 9.—Tuke Mrs. and ffany to dine with the Dutches, att Ashton; S[r] Georg Warbuton there, and the 2 Mr. Hamilton; gave Mr. Loshelly 1s.; and Rob. Snape an other; soe home.

September 10.—Went about 12 to meet her Grace, and met her over aganst Stodda; she call[d] at our house, and then proseed on her journey to Kendell. I went to Kirkland a otter hunting; spent 3d. at the Highgatte,

Elizabeth, daughter and heiress of Digby, 6th Baron Gerard, of Gerard's Bromley, was the second wife of James, 4th Duke of Hamilton, Duke of Brandon, and Baron Dutton. The Duke married 1st., Anne Spencer, daughter of Robert, Earl of Sunderland, and by her had two daughters who both died young. By his second wife he had issue—James, 5th Duke; William, married Anne, daughter and sole heir of Francis Hawes, Esq., and *o. s. p.*; and several daughters. Through the Gerard marriage, the Manor of Garstang, or more properly speaking the Manor of Nether Wyresdale, came into the Hamilton family. From on old document in our possession—an abstract of Thomas Lord Gerard's title to the Manor of Garstang—it appears that on the 4th September, 30 Hen. VIII. (1538), the Abbot of Cockersand leased the Manor of Garstang, to John Rigmayden, of Wedacre, Esq., for the term of 99 years, under the yearly rent of £10 8s. 0d. After the Reformation the manor came to be settled on the "*Sovey Hospital*," when Ralph Jackson, the master of the "Sovey," and the "*perpetuall Chaplins of the said Hospituall*," leased the manor to Henry Savile, Esq., for 99 years after the expiration of the former lease. Henry Savile, by his will, dated 1st January, 1568, proved 16 May following, bequeathed this lease to William Savile, his servant. William Savile assigned his whole interest, with the grand lease, to William Holden, of Garstang, on the 2nd April, 16 Eliz. (1574). John Rigmayden, of Wedacre, Esq., the grandson of the first lessee, on the 16th October, 16 Eliz. (1574), purchased from William Holden his lease, and the administrators of Walter Rigmayden, son of John, by indenture dated 10 February, 45 Eliz. (1602), assigned the aforesaid leases and former assignments to Sir Thomas Gerard, of Gerard's Bromley, knight. Sir Thomas, who was advanced to the peerage 21 July, 1603, as Baron Gerard, of Gerard's Bromley, c.o Stafford, was succeeded by his son Gilbert, whose descendant Digby, fifth Baron Gerard, married Elizabeth, youngest daughter of Charles Gerard, 1st Earl of Macclesfield, and had issue the above mentioned Dutchess of Hamilton.—Sir George Warburton, of Arley, co. Chester, Bart., married Diana, daughter of William, 2nd Lord Allington, by whom he had an only surviving child, Diana, who married, in 1742, Sir Richard Grosvenor, Bart., of Eaton. Sir George represented the county of Chester in several parliaments, and died 29 June, 1743. He was succeeded by his nephew, Sir Peter Warburton, who married in 1745, Lady Elizabeth Stanley, eldest daughter of Edward, Earl of Derby. Sir Peter was succeeded by his son and namesake, at whose death, in 1813, the Baronetcy expired. Ashton-with-*Stodday*, is a little to the south of Lancaster, and forms one township; the former was the ancient seat of the De Coucys, out of which family it passed by marriage to John de Coupland, the hero of Neville Cross. In 1454 it was possessed by Sir Robert Lawrence, knight, whose son, Sir James, was knighted by Lord Stanley, at Hutton Field, in Scotland. His grandson, Sir John Lawrence, left an only daughter and heiress, Elizabeth, who married John Butler, of Rawcliffe, whose grandson, John, left a daughter and coheiress, Isabell, who conveyed the estates in marriage with Thomas Radcliffe. of Winmarley, and whose daughter and heiress, Anne, married Sir Gilbert Gerard, ancestor of the Baron Gerards, of Gerard's, Bromley, from whom the estates passed, as above mentioned, to the Hamilton family. In 1853, the Hamilton estates in North Lancashire were sold, and the township of Ashton was purchased by Le Gendre Nicholas Starkie, Esq., of Huntroyde. The Hall is now occupied by J. P. C. Starkie, Esq., M.P.

September 11.—Went with cos. Butler, his son, younge Lord, & Parson Hall as far as Dolphinhoulme, up Wire, but ffound nothing; din[d] att Mr. Cawthorne's; spent 7d. at Neppy's; soe to Kirkland, all night.

The young lord was Richard Butler, of Rawcliffe.—Parson Hall was shortly afterwards presented to the vicarage of Poulton-le-Fylde.—Dolphinholme is a manufacturing hamlet, six miles S.S.E. of Lancaster, in the township of Nether Wyresdale.

September 12.—Gave ye servants at Kirkland 3s.; went with cos. Butler a oter hunting to ye new drought, but ffound nothing; left him and the company near Barton Hall, and went to Preston to meet Mr. Cross, Dick Gorney, & Mr. Parkinson, where dear Ned W: meet us; spent 1s. 6d.; soe backe to White Bull, alnight.

September 13.—P^d^ 8d. pro Cuddy Threlfall the night beffor, and 1s. 10d. pro selfe and servant, and gave ye servants 6d., soe to Neppy's; spent 3d. with Rog^r^ Moncaster; soe to Aldclife to pray^rs^, and soe home; in the eivening tuck Jos. Tounson to Mr. B——worth; spent 1s.; soe too beed.

This was Sunday.

September 14.—Went affter din^r^ to ffox Hall; p^d^ 6d. ffor boating att Sharde; saw ye ferry man carry out off ye boat a Scot & his pack, a sight I never saw beffor, beeing 56 years off age.

The Wyre at Shard is 500 yards in breadth; this ferry was anciently called Aldwath, or *Old Ford*.—The "Scot" referred to would be a travelling Scotchman—a "packman."

September 15.—Went in the morning to Litham; ffound Madam Diconson, Mad^m^ Culcheth, with ye bony Esq.; stay^d^ there till ten; gave W: W: 1s.; soe to Fox Hall.

The Dicconsons were originally settled at Brick House, in Eccleston. By the marriage of Robert Dickinson with Anne, eldest daughter of John Wrightinson, of Wrightington, the family succeeded to the Wrightington estates, and so rose into notice. They had issue—William, who married Jane, daughter and heiress of Hugh Nelson, of Heskin; John, *o. s. p.*; Thomas; and Elizabeth, the wife of Henry Cooper, of Chorley. William, who died about 1652, had issue—Hugh, who was a Justice of the Peace, and had Wrightington by gift from his uncle Sir Edward Wrightington, Bencher, of Grey's Inn, where he resided; William, of Grey's Inn; Richard; Peter; Dorothy; and Anne. Hugh married Agnes, daughter of Roger Kirkby, of Kirkby, Esq., and dying 5th January, 1690, left issue—William, born in 1655, who was tried for high treason, in 1694 ("Manchester Trials," Cheetham Society), and married Juliana, daughter of Mr. Walmesley, of Dunkenhalgh, and died at St. Germain's, without issue, 15th Nov., 1742; Roger, who continued the family, died at Culcheth, and was buried at Winwick, 14th June, 1742; Edward, Bishop of Malla, and Vicar Apostolic of the Northern District, who died 26th April, 1752; Agnes; Jane; Mary; and Elizabeth. Roger married Elizabeth, only daughter and heiress of Edward Petre, of Marget End, County Essex. They had issue Edward Dicconson, born Sept. 3rd, 1700, who married 7th Feb., 1722, Mary Blount, and died 12th March, 1774. His third daughter, Elizabeth, married Basil Thomas Eccleston, through whom the property came into the Scarisbrick family.

September 16.—Went ffirst to Carleton & then to Greenhow to meet the trustys and son; stay^d^ there till ffive post prandium, and then went with Mr. Whitingham to Nelly Parke's, Whitle Hills; spent on him and company, 2s. 6d.; soe to the White Bull; Mr. Parkinson p^d^ all at Greenhow.

Greenhow is in Greenhalgh-with-Thistleton, three miles N.W. of Kirkham.—Whittle Hill is in Woodplumpton, about half a mile N.N.E. of the church.

September 17.—Spent at White Bull 1s.; gave servants 6d.; soe to Cockerham and home, affter procureing carts to get my turffe.

September 18.—Alday in the house; gave ye post-boy 2d. to carry a lett^r^ to Dicke Gorney, and p^d^ 4d. pro a London lett^r^; soe too beed.

September 19.—Gave Mrs. 6d. to bye pottetows. In the toun alday; about 6, old Mr. Brookholls & Mr. Kirke came to see me, and Mr. Brookholls stay^d^ 3 how^rs^; thence to Beardsworth's alnight.

The Rev. Thomas Kirk, S.J., entered the Society in 1689. He passed several years in missionary labour, and at this time was probably Mr. Brockholes' private chaplain. He died 11th September, 1718, aged 52 years.

September 20.—Went to Aldclife, and backe to din^r^; in the eivening went to see Mr. Brookhalls, att Mr. Beardsworth; sat an how^r^ with him; soe home, butt p^d^ nothing.

September 21.—Went to ye Marsh a hunting; at my returne ffound Cos. Hesketh, of White Hill, and lady, who dined with mee. As soon as din^r^ was over, Esqre Brookholls sentt ffor mee; I spentt 6d. with him; aboutt 4 post prand^m^ hee left this toun, and tuke nothing of mankinde with him, but a sneaking boy of 16, two horses not worth 16 shillings, and above 2,800 ginnys; of ye prudence of which action I leave every one to judge.

September 22.—About 11, met Mr. Bland and Shutlesworth on the Greaves; saw them chosen; then went home to dine with Jack Layborne, and lady, two Hodgshons, and Jemmy Leayborne. About 5, went with ye 2 Leaybornes to see the High Sherife and Mr. Bland; spent 2s. with them att Beardsworth; thence went with them to see ye Lord Molineux, and affterwards Jack Layborne and I went with Bland and Sheriffe to ye jovell cru, where wee were very merry; soe to beed.

What the appointment referred to here was, it is impossible to say: it may have been connected with the "Greaves Estate," or with the Shrievalty, or Assizes.

September 23.—Went with Bland and the High Sheriffe to Thurnham, where all were well treated; thence to White Bull, in Bulsboru; treated them with nance 1s. 6d.; thence to Preston; sup^d^ with them, Bland treated; spent my botle affterwards with honest S^r^ W: Grenfeild, Adam Bland, Mr. Hunter, and others; soe too beed; spent at Dick Jackson's 1s. 6d.

"Bulsboru" is for Bilsborough, near Claughton.

September 24.—P^d^ in the morning pro man, horses, 2s., and 1s. to servants; thence to Wigan with Mr. Parkinson, who p^d^ all; thence to Culcheth, to Madam Diconson; stay^d^ 2 how^rs^; thence to Leigh all night.

September 25.—Mr. Parkinson p^d^ all att Leigh; ffrom thence to Manchest^r^; spent 1s. with Mr. Hunter and George Woods, and 6d. ffor my sword mending; thence Houlme.

Leigh is a parish and market town, seven miles south-east of Wigan, and thirteen miles west of Manchester. The name is pure Saxon, and synonymous with the English "Lea." We have here West Leigh, Astley or East Leigh, and Tyldesley, each deriving its name from the fields or meadows of which the respective townships were in early times composed, and their relative situation to each other. Jefferey de Westleigh lived in the reign of Richard I., and his brother, or son, Adam de Westleigh, was on the Gascon inquest of Derbyshire Hundred, about 25 Hen. III. (1241). Shortly afterwards the manor of Westleigh is found in possession of another family, after which we do not find the local family name in connection with this township. There were formerly two private chapels in the church of West Leigh—the Tyldesleys' to the north, and the Athertons' to the south. The former appears to have been separated by a screen, but is now pewed with the rest of the church; Sir Thomas Tyldesley, the hero of the battle of Wigan Lane, and the grandfather of the Diarist, was interred here, and it is said that James, Earl of Derby, on his way through Leigh to Bolton, previous to his execution, wished to visit the grave of his gallant companion in arms, but was denied that gratification by his military guard.

September 26.—All day att Houlme; about 8, went with Sr John Bland and Jack Lowder, ye Back Swan, to see old Traford att Ordsall; my Knight beeing gon with Ned Berisfford to Hol: Egerton's, gave the man 1s.; soe back to Houlme.

Hulme adjoins Manchester on the SS.E. The Hall was the residence of Sir John Bland, of Kippax, in right of his wife, Ann, daughter and heiress of Sir Edward Mosley, of Hulme, Knight.—John Trafford, Esq., of Trafford Park, married Catherine, daughter and eventually co-heiress of Thomas Culchith, Esq., died in 1727, and was suceeeded by his son, Humphrey, who married Frances, daughter of John Dalton, of Thurnham, Esq., and whose grandson, Sir Thomas Joseph de Trafford, was created a baronet in 1841, when he received the Royal licence to resume the ancient patronymic of *de Trafford* in lieu of Trafford.—Ordsall Hall is in the parish of Manchester, and was the seat of the Radcliffes.

September 27.—At Houlme alday, well treated & kindly received.

September 28.—Gave ye servants 7s.; left Holme about 8; thence the High Sheriffe's at Bentley; stay^d^ halfe an how^r^; thence to Holcroft to meet my son; thence to Sany Royall, on Hay Hill; spent 6d.; soe to Banister Hall.

Bentcliffe was the seat of Ric. Valentine, the High Sheriff.—The following short pedigree, showing the descent of the Holcroft property to the Diarist, is taken from Baines's History of Lancashire:—John Holcrofte, of Holcrofte, Esq., married Margaret, daughter and co-heiress of Hamlet Massey, of Rixton, and had issue—Sir John Holcrofte, knight, viz. 2 Elizabeth, eldest son and heir, who married Anne, daughter of Ralph Standish, of Standish, of whom hereafter; Sir Thomas Holcrofte, of Vale Royal, co. Cheshire (buried at Weverham), marshal to Queen Mary, who married Juliana, daughter and heiress of Nic. Jennings, of London; William Holcrofte,

clerk, vicar of Weverham; Margaret, married to Gilbert Culcheth, of Culcheth; and Jane, married to Henry Manley. Sir John, the eldest son, left issue—Sir John Holcrofte, who married Dorothy, daughter of Richd. Bold, of Bold, and had issue a daughter Alice, the wife of Edward Fitton, of Gawsworth; Hamlet Holcrofte, who married Isabel, daughter of Thos. Clifton, of Lytham, of whom hereafter; Alexander, *o.s.p.*; Thos. clerk, *o. s. p.*; Henry; Helen, wife of Mr. Holt, of Grislehurst; Anne, wife of Ralph Standish, of Standish; Alice, wife of Sir Thomas Hesketh, of Rufford; and Milicent, wife of Henry Talbot, of Bashall. Hamlet, the second son, was the father of John Holcroft, Esq., who married Anne, daughter of Peter Hopwood, of Hopwood, Esq., and had issue a son, John, who married Margaret, daughter and co-heiress of John Hunt, of Manchester, leaving issue—Thomas Holcroft, of Holcroft Hall, Esq., who married Eleanor, daughter of Thos. Birch, of Birch Hall, Esq., and left issue two daughters and co-heiresses, Eleanor, the wife of the Diarist, and Margaret; and Charles Holcroft, who survived Thomas, and dying, *sine prole*, the lands fell to his brother's children.

September 29.—Went with Ned Winckley to Low^{r} Hall; din^{d} there; gave a boy 6d.; soe back to Banister Hall alnight.

September 30.—Gave servantts 8s. 6d.; thence to Preston; p^{d} 8d. pro a jett^{r} ffrom Mrs.; spentt 1s. 8d.; p^{d} 1s. pro shooing cockin; thence to Highton; stay^{d} an how^{r} with shee cosin Gerard; thence to Whitingham Hall, alnight; spent at the ale-house 7d., and p^{d} 6d. pro a litle beagle; soe backe to Whitingham Hall alnight.

In the *Inq post mortem*, 11 Car. 1 (1635-6) we find Joh'es Gerard holding lands, &c. in Warton in Amounderness, Ribble piscaria, Livesaye, Whilton, Withnell, and Haighton. He was probably the first connected with Haighton, and apparently the founder of this branch of the family. John Gerard, of Brindle, was the father of Evan Gerard, of Haighton, against whose name we find the sum of £112 12s. 8d. in the list of fines on Catholic recusants, levied throughout England about the year 1680. He was living in 1702, and left issue John Gerard, of Haighton, who was present at the Preston Guilds of 1702-22-42; Richard; and Thomas, living in 1722. Richard appears to have succeeded his brother to the estate, and left issue a younger son Thomas, living in 1742, and Evan John Gerard, of Haighton, gent., living in 1802, whose son and heir, Evan Richard Gerard, Esq., of Haighton, married Elizabeth, daughter of John Blanchard, Esq., of Alston, by Margaret, daughter of James Smith, of Forton. Their son, Evan John Gerard, Esq., died unmarried, 7th November, 1832, when the estate passed to his only sister, who sold it to Mr. Anderton.—Whittingham Hall, at this time the seat of Richard Whittingham, Esq., is now occupied by a tenant-farmer, and externally has little appearance of antiquity. The late Mr. J. B. Williamson, of Preston, stuccoed the walls, added largely to the outbuildings, and quite changed the appearance of the place. The old porch, with the fine oak staircase, with panels and balustrades elaborately carved, stands "as in the days long since gone by." The ancient hall is now the kitchen, and a recess six yards long and three yards wide, marks the place where formerly was the fireplace and its chimney corners. One small room is still wainscotted with oak, and some of the old walls exceed three feet in thickness. The moat, which formerly surrounded the hall, was filled up some few years ago.—[*Fishwick's History of Goosnargh.*]—Beagles are used in packs for hunting hares.

October primo.—Gave 2s. to y^{e} 2 maids; thence ffowards to the White Bull, and called att Esq$^{re.}$ Brookhall's; met younge Mr. Brookhalls at Garstange; treated him, Mr. Beardsworth, and honest Dick Gorney, with meat and drinke; spent 5s. 6d., and gave Hadock 6d.; soe to Neppy's; p^{d} pro servants 1s. 8d., and p^{d} Potts 6d; thence ffor Lan$^{r.}$ with Mr. Beardsworth,

George Wambsley, and Xper Canny. Spent at Old Hollins 6d., at New Hollins 1s., and they as much; at Robin Sample's wines 1s. 6d., Mr. Beardsworth 1s., and they 6d. each; soe to Lanr; spent 1s. at Mr. Beardsworth's; soe home & too beed.

October 2.—Alday in the toun. About 9 att night, son & Will Greenfeild came and satte with us till 12; very merry; soe too beed.

October 3.—Son and Will Green—d dined with us; in the eivening went with ym to Mr. Beards—th's, and spent 1s. 6d., and ffrom thence to ye King's Armes; spent 1s., soe too beed. Gave Mills pro iron worke 2s. 6d.

October 4.—Went in ye morning to Aldclife; son and Will Green—d dined with us; in ye eivening whent with them to ye King's Armes, where they gave mee a supr; I spent 2s. with them; soe too beed.

October 5.—Alday in ye toun. In the eivening spent 1s. with young cos. Rigby, ye lawr's son, att Mr. Beards—th; soe too beed.

October 6.—Went to meet Brothr Dalton att Ellall Moore, cos. Rigby with mee; old Catchall with us. After wee had huntd the hare an howr. Bror Dalton calld to Lanr to make defence against parson Wintr, who thrugh mallice desired to indite him and 7 more ffor recusancy, butt missed on his desire. Wee hunted ytt hare ffive howrs; but ye ground soe thorrowly drughted by long continewance of ffine wether that wee could not kill her. Spent in my returne 6d., att Ellal Milles, with cos. Rigby and honest Ralph Farebrother; thence to Lanr; spent with Bror Dalton, cos. Rigby, and others, att ye King's Armes, 1s. 6d.; soe too beed.

The penal laws, inflicting fines for *recusancy*, that is to say, non-submission and non-attendance at the Protestant Church, were in force at this time, though not exacted so rigorously as at the time of their enactment by Queen Elizabeth. Still the Roman Catholic gentlemen had no security; to hear mass, to harbour a priest, to keep from the Reformed Church service, were all punished more or less with severity.

October 7.—Tuke phisick. Alday in the house. Charles Rigby came here in disgyes.

This Charles Rigby would be the second son of Charles Rigby, Esq., J.P., of Lancaster. The Diarist further on calls him "ye Admirll;" but we find no mention of him in the lists of British Admirals; he may have been connected with the Pretender, which would account for his coming in "disgyes."

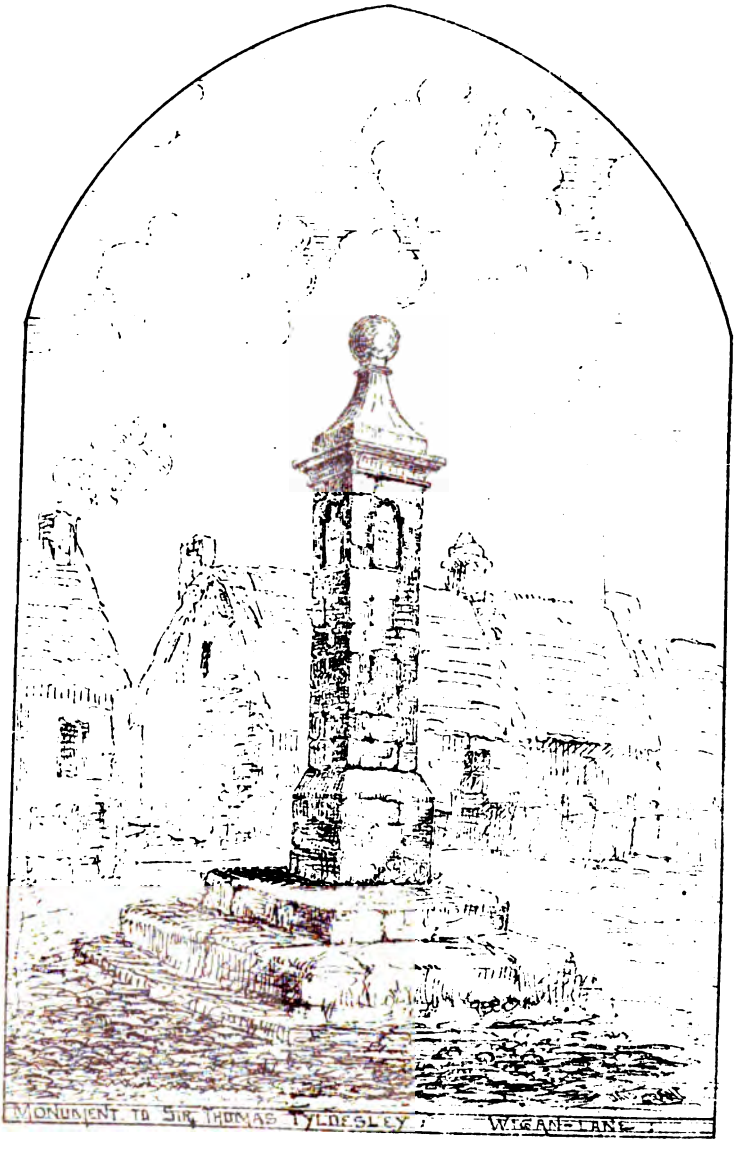
October 8.—Tuke dougr Fanny to meet son att Garstange. Spentt att dinr pro ffanny et mee 1s. 6d., son, Will Gree—d, young Mr. Brokhalls, Mr. Whitingham, Mr. Charles Harris, his son Parkinson, and Capt. Bannister, in company; spent 6d. more with ym in drink; pd 6d. pro man, and

p[d] pro horses and man at Bety Wackffeild's 1s. 6d.; spent 4d. att Ellal Milles; soe to Lan[r].

Charles Harris, or Harries, of Fairoak House, Bolland, co. York, and Torrisholme, co. Lancaster, was the son of Christopher Harris, of Torrisholme, by Margery, daughter and heiress of Robert Swindlehurst, of Fairoak House. He married (by license dated 1st Oct., 1683) Bridget, daughter of Thomas Brockholes, Esq., of Claughton, and aunt of "young Mr. Brokhalls;" he died in 1719, having issue two daughters and co-heiresses—Dorothy, wife of John Parkinson, Esq. (ob. 1725), of Sykes House, who had an only daughter and heiress, Elizabeth, married in 1746, to Robert Parker, of Hareden, in Bolland; and Mary, wife of Henry Whittingham, of Whittingham Hall, Esq., married in 1705, and died 8th May, 1741, being the mother of eleven children.

October 9.—Alday in the towne. Gave Hen. Hosfeild towards reparing the stone brooken, wc[h] was the inscription on y[e] monimentt ffor S[r] Tho: Tyldesley, 2s. 6d. In the eivening went to Mr. Beardsworth's, who went in quest of a prison[r] runaway; spent 1s. in wine, and 4d. in ale; soe too beed.

The Diarist's grandfather, "Sir Thomas Tyldesley, knight, a gallant commander in the service of Charles I. and II., during the civil wars, was the only son of Edward Tyldesley, of Tyldesley and Wardley, Esq., by Elizabeth, daughter of Christopher Preston, of Holker, Esq., and born at the latter end of the sixteenth century. He was one of those cavaliers whose deeds were more suited to the pages of a romance than to those of history, and who, by their dauntless courage, have cast a halo round their cause. He embraced the profession of arms early in life, and was brod in the German wars; and on his return to England raised troops at his own expense at the beginning of the civil war, joined the King, and served as lieutenant-colonel with great distinction at the battle of Edge Hill. Colonel Tyldesley afterwards conducted the storming of the town of Burton-upon-Trent, in Staffordshire, over a bridge of thirty-six arches, for which daring enterprise he received the honour of knighthood from Charles I., and was made a brigadier. In May, 1644, he was at the siege of Bolton, under the Earl of Derby, when that town was carried, after a hot engagement. He afterwards commanded a division of the Royal army at the siege of Lancaster Castle, and, having reduced the garrison to great distress, had nearly taken the place, when the intelligence of the defeat of the Scots, at Preston, arrived, and put an end to the assault. On quitting this latter design, Sir Thomas Tyldesley was obliged to fall back upon Sir Marmaduke Langley's cavalry, and retire to the skirts of the county, with the view of joining Major-General Munro, who had followed the Duke of Hamilton out of Scotland with part of the Scots forces, and to whom it was proposed that they should concentrate their strength, and follow Cromwell in the rear. This, however, Munro would not consent to, but retired further into Westmorland. Sir Thomas was afterwards, in 1645, appointed governor of Lichfield. After the execution of Charles I., in 1649, he found means to transport himself into Ireland, and joined the Marquis of Ormonde, with whom he remained until, by the jealousy of the infatuated Irish, he and the other English officers were dismissed. From Ireland he got over to Scotland, a short time before Charles II. marched thence into England, and was ordered by that monarch to join the Earl of Derby, as major-general and second in command, in mustering the forces of the counties of Lancaster and Chester. Warrants were issued for this purpose by the Earl, and Preston was made head-quarters; but before the troops were got into a state of equipment, Lord Derby was suprised, and obliged to try the courage of his new levies against the cavalry and united militia of both counties, under the command of Colonel Lilburne, one of the best officers of the Parliamentary army. This action was fought in Wigan-lane on the 25th of August, 1651. Sir Thomas, and a large portion of his brave associates, amounting to one-half, were left dead on the field. He was interred in the chapel of Leigh, where a tomb was erected to his memory, of which only a few relics are now to


MONUMENT TO SIR THOMAS TYLDESLEY
WIGAN LANE

be seen. A monument, commemorating his fall, was placed, in 1679, about a quarter of a mile to the north of Wigan, in the hedge fence, on the spot where the engagement took place, and where he received his last wound."—*Baines*. The following is a copy of the inscription on the monument erected by the father of the Diarist's second wife:—

"An high Act of Gratitude, which conveys the Memory of
SIR THOMAS TYLDESLEY
To posterity,
Who served KING CHARLES THE FIRST as Lieutenant-Colonel at Edge-Hill Battle,
After raising Regiments of Horse, Foot, and Dragoons,
And for
The desperate storming of Burton-upon-Trent, over a bridge of 36 arches,
RECEIVED THE HONOUR OF KNIGHTHOOD.
He afterwards served in all the wars in great command,
Was Governor of Litchfield,
And followed the fortune of the Crown through the Three Kingdoms,
And never compounded with the Rebels, though strongly invested;
And on the 25th August, A.D. 1651, was here slain,
Commanding as Major-General under the EARL OF DERBY,
To whom the grateful erector, ALEXANDER RIGBY, Esq., was Cornet;
And when he was High Sheriff of this County (A.D. 1679)
Placed this high obligation on the whole FAMILY of the TYLDESLEYS,
To follow the noble example of their Loyal Ancestor."

And heartily was this "obligation" accepted, generation after generation, down to the great-great-grandson of the hero.

The device on the banner of Sir Thomas Tyldesley was an eagle feeding her young (vulning), surrounded by a wreathed border, with motto, "Regis et patriæ tantum valet amor." The family arms were three rush-hills vert.

October 10.—Alday in the toun. In the eivening met Jos. Tounson in the Shambles; gave him a pinte of ale at Mr. Tomlinson, 2d.; thence to Mr. Beardsworth's to take leave; gave him and George Wambsley, with the Govern^{r}, 3 pints of wine; soe to beed.

October 11.—Went to Aldcliffe. Old cos. Carus, of Halton, came backe and dined with us. In the eivening hee went with mee to take leave of Mr. Beards——th goeing for London; wee spent 6d. a pice, as did Mathew Richardson. Then I went in to a great company comen with ye same intent; spent 6d. in wine with them; soe home.

This was Sunday.—A journey to London in these days was an undertaking of great moment.—Mr. Beardsworth was the Governor of Lancaster Castle.

October 12.—Went in ye morning to Thurnham, a hunting, but Bro^{r} Dalton abroad. Young Catchall and I hunted a hare 2 how^{rs}, but could not kill her, the wether soe drye; wee came back and dined in the buttrey. Thence wee went to cos. Rob. Strickland's chamb^{rs}; ffound him taking phisick; wee smoked 2 pipes; hee gave us two drames of uskebath. Gave Tom Walker 1s.; soe to Lan^{r}.

"Buttrey" (butlery) means the place where victuals are kept—the larder.—"Uskebath" is for usquebaugh—whiskey.

October 13.—Alday in the toun. Gave 3d. to send a lett^r to cos. Fletcher of Hutton. Gave kimist's son, pro worke, 2s.

October 14.—Went early in the morning to the ffell end, to see Mr. Walker; thence to ye New Hollins; spent 2d. on Ned Malley & selfe, in nance; thence to ye Crooke, to Bro^r Dalton's sale, where I bid at 15 beas, but bought non, the soult so sharply; spent 6d. at the Cockes, of Cond^r Green; soe home.

"Beas" is for beasts.

October 15.—Met Bro^r Dalton, a hunting, on Scotfforth More; but could nott kill a hare; thence wee went to Hill colliors, who were boring in ye Ling cloas. Gave y^m 1s. Bro^r Dalton wentt home and dined with mee, and cos. Anne Houghton and cos. Rbin Strickland came to us and satt an how^r. Then wee went to Doct^r Hodgshon's, where wee sat an how^r; thence to ye King's Armes, where Bro^r Dalton treated mee, but parted att 7 of ye clocke.

Scotforth is 1¼ mile S. of Lancaster.

October 16.—Alday in the house till five; then went to Mr. Beardsworth; spent with Hen. Wiswall and old company 6d., and p^d pro sugr^r pro Mrs. 8s.; soe to beed.

October 17.—P^d pro meale, pro house use, 8s. 8d.; then Mrs. and I went to Thurnham to din^r; ffound Doct^r Rigby, late come from Dw—y; stay^d there till 5. Gave Rob. 1s., and John an other; soe home. Gave Hen. Hosfeild 1s.; soe too beed.

"Dw—y" is for Doway, in France, the great Roman Catholic College, founded by Cardinal Allen, for supplying the mission in England.—It is most probable that this Doctor Rigby was of the family of Burgh and Layton, and perhaps an uncle, or cousin, of the Diarist's second wife. This family was descended from Adam Rigby, of Wigan, the son of John, who married Alice, daughter of ——— Middleton, of Leighton, Esq., and had issue two sons and a daughter, viz., John, of Wigan, who married Joanna, daughter of Gilbert Molyneaux, of Hawkley, Esq., and was the founder of the family of Rigby of Middleton; Ellen, who married Hugh Forth; and Alexander, of Burgh Hall, in the township of Duxbury, and parish of Standish. The latter married Joanna, daughter of William Lathbroke, and had issue—Edward, of Burgh, Esq., who purchased Wodenshaw from William, Earl of Derby, for £900, in 1595, and whose *Inq. post-mortem* is dated 5 car. I (1629–30), from which we learn he was possessed of the Manors of Coppull and Chorley, and lands, &c., in "Lealondshire Wapentacium, Duxburye, Laiton, Great Laiton, Little Laiton, WarbreekceBlackepoole, Marton, Broughton in Furneis, and Lancaster;" Roger; Alexander a priest; and Anne. It is evident, therefore, that the Rigbys held Layton at this time. By his wife, Dorothy, daughter of Hugh Anderton, Esq., of Euxton, the eldest son, Edward, had issue—Alexander, born 1583, of Burgh and Layton Hall, Esq., who married Katherine, daughter of Sir Edward Brabazon, of Nether Whitacre, co. Warwick; Hugh, of Talkey; Alice; Jane, wife of Roger Kirkby, of Kirkby Ireleth, in Furness; and Dorothy. The eldest son, Alexander Rigby, was a Colonel in the Royalist Army; in 1641, he was removed from the Commission of the Peace for the county, by order of

Parliament, in consequence of favouring the Royal party, and in 1646 he compounded for his sequestrated estate, paying £381 3s. 4d. He had issue—Edward, of Burgh and Layton, who married Mary, daughter of Edward Hyde, of Norbury, Esq.; Thomas, Rector of St. Mary's, in Dublin; William, a merchant; Mary, wife of John Moore, of Bank Hall; Elizabeth, wife of Edw. Chisenhall, of Chisenhall, Esq.; Jane, wife of the Rev. Paul Lathome, Rector of Standish; and Alexander, ob. infant. The eldest son had issue—Col. Alexander Rigby, of Layton and Burgh, the well-known Royalist, and "the grateful erector" of the monument to Sir Thos. Tyldesley, at Wigan-lane; William; Hamlet; Robert; Richard; Mary; and Dorothy. Alexander was High Sheriff of Lancashire in 1677 and 1678. He married Alena, daughter of George Birch, of Birch Hall, near Manchester, and had issue—Edward, born 1658, of whom we know nothing; *Sir* Alexander, but when or where knighted we have not been able to find, though we occasionally meet with his title in legal documents; Mary, who married the Diarist, and eventually was coheiress to her brother, Sir Alexander; Alice; Eleanor; and Elizabeth, who married Mr. Colley, and was a widow in 1720, then living at Loriant, in Brittany, and was the other surviving sister and coheiress of Sir Alexander Rigby. The property of the Rigbys had become much involved from their attachment to the cause of Royalty, for we find this Sir Alexander, of whom it was further said that he was a gambler, disposing of his estate in Layton and Poulton for the benefit of his creditors, at the sum of £19,200. From an abstract of title, as Mr. Thornber tells us, we learn that he was imprisoned for debt till released by an Act of Parliament, 1st Geo. I., and his property vested in trustees. Afterwards he resided in Poulton, at his house on the south side of the Market-place, where his arms, with the date 1693, may yet be seen. He married Alice, daughter of Thomas Clifton, of Clifton and Westby, Esq., by Anne, daughter and coheiress of Sir Cuthbert Halsall, Knight, of Clifton and Halsall, but left no surviving issue. He was High Sheriff of Lancashire in 1691-2. What little remained of the estate appears to have been divided between Mrs. Colley and the Diarist's second wife, who, through the Birch marriage, was cousin to his first wife. The family bore for their arms:—Bendy of six, indented ar. and az., on a chief sa., three cinquefoils or. Crest—a goat's head sa., bezantée, attire, and beard, or.; the latter of which is carved on a pew in Poulton Church.

October 18.—Went to X, to Dr Hard^n^, att Aldcliffe; ffound John Hathorntwate there, who came and dined with mee; in ye house alday.

October 19.—Went in ye morning to Ellal More; from thence with John H——twate, & Bro^r^ Dalton, to Tom Walker's moth^r's^, at Highgate, Cockerham, where mett severall; spent 2s. 6d., and gave Tom, huntsman, 1s.; soe home.

October 20.—In toun alday, with Mr. Walker and Mr. Tayl^r^; spent 6d. with them at Ned Cutler's; thence to Mr. Beardsw^th^, where Mr. Bentley gave mee a pinte of wine; soe home.

October 21.—About nine, cos. Rigby, Mr. Walker, and I, sett out ffor Burton, where in meat & drink with Mr. maj^r^, and his jester, Mr. Dogshan, we spent 2s. 6d. each; Walker & I to Kendell, & ye law^r^ home.

October 22.—No Dutches coming, left Kendell about one. We spent each 6s. 6d., soe backe to Burton; spent 6d.; thence to Lan^r^. Mr. Walker suped with mee.

The "Dutches" referred to was the Duchess of Hamilton.

October 23.—Din^{d} with Mr. Walker at the Sun, and att din^{r} received an accountt y^{tt} Her Grace D: H: & B——on would bee att Kendell; p^{d} 6d. and thence ffor Kendell; spent 6d. at Burton.

October 24.—The Dutches left Kendell about nine. P^{d} 1s. 6d. ffor a box off Anderson's pills; spent 6d. at Burton with Matison, Walker, and two Hamiltons; thence to Lan^{r}; thence to Ashton; stay^{d} there till 10; soe home.

Anderson's pills, a quack medicine, were still in vogue at the beginning of this century.

October 25.—Went to Ashton to din^{r} with ye D: of H: and B——on. Gave Loshley 1s., and Rob. Sample 1s.; soe home with cos. Rigby and Mr. Bentley.

October 26.—Went in the morning to Ashton. Watted on Her Grace to Wedacre, and from thence to Preston, where cos. Mun Ashton, then May^{r}, was gentilly attended, when hee gave Her Grace the Dutches off Hamilton and Brandon a gentill treat off sweetmeats and wine, viz., S^{r} Ed. Stanley, Hen. Fletewood, Rostron, Osb——, two Stanleys, Capt^{t} Cicill, and oth^{rs}, two balife, John Thornton, Esq., and Jack Clayton.

Wedicar Hall, commonly called Woodacre, was the property of the Duchess of Hamilton, and here she resided for many years after her husband's death in the duel with Lord Mohun. It was formerly the seat of the Rigmaydens. In the survey of 1320-46, John, son of Thomas Ryggemayden, held one and a half carve of land in Wyresdale by the service of the 4th part of a knight's fee; and in a charter concerning Cockersand Abbey in 37 Edw. III. (1366), Thomas de Rigmayden is styled lord of the manor of Wedacre, owing suit and service to the Abbey. The administrators of Walter Rigmayden, son of John Rigmaden, Esq., by Jane, daughter of Francis Morley, of Wemington, Esq., appear to have sold the property to the Fyffes. John Fyffe, of Wedacre, married Anne, daughter of John Butler, of Kirkland, and dying *s.p.* in 1664, was succeeded by his brother, William Fyffe, Esq., M.D., who married Helen, daughter and coheiress of Henry Butler, of Hackinsall, and had issue several children, of whom the second and surviving son, Thomas, resided at Hackinsall, and died unmarried. His will was dated 12 March, 1694, but the Wedacre property had previously passed to the Spencers, and afterwards to the Duke of Hamilton.—Edmund Ashton, of Preston, draper (a younger son of Richard Ashton, of Cuerdale, Esq., by Mary, daughter, of George Pigott, of Preston, Esq.), married Mary, daughter of Jonas Gregson, of Preston, and had issue. He was elected common councillor of Preston 14th April, 1712, and alderman 2nd October, 1713. He was mayor in 1713-14, 1729-30, and 1737-8, and Guild Mayor 1722. He was buried at Walton-le-Dale, 6th April, 1746.—Sir Edward Stanley, of Bickerstaffe, 5th baronet, succeeded as 11th Earl of Derby, on the death of James, 10th Earl, without issue. He was huntsman of the Walton Corporation in 1714.—Henry Fleetwood, Esq., of Penwortham, was the eldest son of Mr. Arthur Fleetwood, of Westminster, whose family connection with the Fleetwoods, of Penwortham, has not been ascertained. He inherited the Penwortham estates under a settlement dated 26th June, 1676, by Edward Fleetwood, Esq., of Penwortham, who died *s.p.*, and was buried at Penwortham, 13th April, 1704. Henry Fleetwood married in July, 1714, Sarah, daughter of Roger Sudell, of Preston, Esq. (she was buried at Penwortham, 27th October, 1719), and dying without issue, was the last heir male of this branch of the family. He was M.P. for

Preston, from 1701 to 1715.—"Rostron" would be William Rawsthorne, Esq., of Newhall.—"Osb——" would probably be Alexander Osbaldeston, of Osbaldeston, Esq., who resided in Preston. He was baptized at Blackburn, 22nd May, 1677, and was buried there 6th April, 1747, having no issue. He was mayor of the Walton Corporation in 1702, and sword-bearer in 1712.—The two Stanleys would be of the Great Eccleston family.—Arthur Cecill, Esq., was slut-kisser of the Walton Corporation in 1713.—John Thornton and John Clayton were the bailiffs of Preston in 1713; the latter was mayor's bailiff to the Walton Corporation in 1712.

October 27.—Left Preston about 9; p^{d} pro man and horses 8s. 6d.; thence with Her Grace to Tom Dayle's, where wee dined; thence ffor Warington; spentt 4d. in Newton; met S^{er} George Warboton, att Winwicke, and on the Rock ye coach was overturned, but noe hurtte. S^{r} G——ge present ye D: with halfe a doe and a basket off wine.

Newton-in-Mackerfield is a small place in the parish of Winwick, 5 miles N. of Warrington.—Winwick is a village, township, and parish, 3 miles N. of Warrington.

October 28.—Left Warrington aboutt 10; p^{d} 4d. ffor a box to carry a glass in S^{er} G——ge brought us near High Ley; then went to Arley. I p^{d} 2d. ffor a pint of ale; soe to Gosworth.

High Legh, the property of the Legh family, is in the parish of Rostherne, in Cheshire.—Arley Hall, in the same county, was the seat of Sir George Warburton, Bart.—Gawsworth is a parish, without any dependent township, and the village, which is about 3 miles S.W. of Macclesfield, is situated to the east of the road leading to Congleton.

October 29.—Lefft Gosworthe about 7. Gave ye servants 8s. and ye cooke 2s. Parted with Her Grace on ye pond. Cal^{d} at Knutsfforth; spent pro horses, man, and selfe, 1s. 6d. P^{d} 3d. pro sending a lett^{r} to Lan^{r}. Thence to Hollin ffair. Spent 6d. with Peter Hodskinson; thence to Cultcheth.

Knutsford is 11 miles S.S.E. of Warrington.—Hollinfare, or Hollins Green, is 6 miles E.N.E. of Warrington: the ferry crosses the Mersey.

October 30.—After din^{r} went with Tho. Baines to Mr. Blackborne, off Orfford, about his business. Tho. Bs. p^{d} 6d.; soe backe to Cultcheth alnightt.

October 31.—Gave the servantts 4s.; soe to Wigan; p^{d} 5s. 6d. ffor a gun stockeing and locking; spent 8s. 6d. on Doct^{r} ffrances Wortington and ye gunsmith. Gave ye ostler 6d. pro horses and himselfe; thence to John Stirzacr's at Euxton Burhe, alnight. Spent 2s. on him, Simion Jenkinson, and Dick Simpson, ye skin^{r}; soe too beed.

Euxton Burgh is a village, in the township of Euxton, 2 miles W.N.W. of Chorley.

November primo.—P^{d} 2s. pro horses and man. Gave his son 6d.; spent 6d. in nance, and gave ye maide 3d.; thence to Mr. Nevell's to pray^{rs}; saw

Ned Winckley there. From thence to ye White Bull; stay^d^ alnight there; spent 1s. 6d. on Dick Gorney and Charles Sollome, with what my man dranke.

This date was Sunday.—Under the name of Nevill went several members of the Scarisbrick family, of Scarisbrick Hall, many of whom were Jesuits. Edward Nevill, *alias* Scarisbrick, was admitted into the order in 1682, æt. 19; was chaplain, for a time, to the Clifton family, of Clifton, near Nottingham; was afterwards settled at Busby Hall, near Walford, Hertfordshire; and obit 15 Nov., 1735, o. s. Another Father, Thomas Neville (veré Scarisbrick), was admitted into the Order in 1664, and died 20 Jan., 1728, o. s. The latter is most probably the one referred to in the Diary.

November 2.—P^d^ pro horses, meat, and drinke, 2s. 6d.; gave ye servantts 6d.; thence to Garstange; p^d^ 1s. pro 2 woodcocks, and spent 1s. on Dick Gorney, att Neppy's. Thence to Thurnham; stay^d^ there 2 how^rs^; soe home, but violently wett betwixt Thurnham and Lan^r^.

November 3.—Mett Bro^r^ Dalton, cos. Hornhill, and kinde soul, a hunting att Aldcliffe. They din^d^ with me, and in the eivening I went with y^m^ to the King's Armes. Spent 1s. 6d.; soe home.

November 4.—In the morning the 3 bony Scotch lads, viz., Mr. Jo. Hamilton, Mr. Alexd^r^ Walker, and Mr. Crawfford, came to see mee, and law^r^ Rigby and cos. Shearson with them. I treated them with oysters and a good can off ale, and went with y^m^ to din^r^ at Law^r^ Rigby's. Gave Jack a shilling; thence to the Sune. Gave old Thomas, ye Govern^r^ off Wisshey, and John Watson, a pinte off wine; soe parted with ye bony honest lads; they to Burton; law^r^. Tom Sherson, and I, to Beardsworth, where wee spent 1s. each; soe home.

Wissey, or Stoke, is in Norfolk.

November 5.—Alday in my chamb^r^. lame with paine off the gout. And^w^ Snap and Rob^tt^ Yeats came to mee about taking a teniment ffor Tom Birket of mee att Lodge.

November 6.—Alday in my chamb^r^. P^d^ 7s. 6d. pro stuffe, jackets, etc., to mak up my coate from Kendell. Gave Mrs. 10s., and gave Hen. Hosfeild wife 1s.; p^d^ Whackffeild, carrior, pro 100 weight off chees, ffrom Wigan, 4s.; Wilding and Lawrence brought meall outt off the ffeild.

November 7.—Much lam^r^ and in paine all over. Gave Ned Mally 6d. to by calves ffeet.

November 8.—In much paine alday. Rob. Birket came about his Yeats Rob. bro^r^ Tom's business, and wee sent ffor old Rob. Yeatts, who seemed not halfe soe harty as when hee came with And^w^ Snape.

November 9.—Gave Mrs. 2s. 6d. to give Betty; then sent her backe to Ormskirke, a poor pervers cratur, who had nothing to say ffor her obstinat ffolly; God helpe her. Lame all over ye left side.

Betty was one of the Diarist's daughters by his first wife.

November 10.—Tuke pills, wch gave mee much easse ffrom my pain on the left side; on ye beed most off the day. Pd 1s. ffor London lettrs.

November 11.—My paine abatte on the left side, and fell into ye lefft hand elbow.

November 12.—In great paine of my right hand and arme; appyd cabage leaves. In ye eivening, Mr. Gutrick and Mr. Milles came to see mee, and satt with mee 2 howrs.

November 13.—Sr Will Greenffeild came beffor I was up, and about 11 Mr. Thornton came to mee about Lodge business. In the eivening Mr. Recordr came and sat with mee 3 howrs about ffulwood business, &c.

Fulwood, although close to Preston, and nearly 20 miles from Lancaster, is in the parish of the latter.

November 14.—In paine of my right hand and arme. Gave Ned M——ly 6d. to bye things with. Sent Hadock to Esq. Brookholles; gave him 2d. to spend.

November 15.—Much ffreeor ffrom paine. Gave Ned M—ly 2s. to go to Preston about Dick Kellett's business. Old ffryr came to see mee, as did Dick Gorney. Will Wadsworth came to see us. The govr here about Brookholle business of ye Lodge.

November 16.—About 11, cos. Hodgshon and his widdow sistr came to see us, and ffound mee in beed, thoh much bettr, thanke God.

November 17.—In my room alday; my paine much abating, God praysed.

November 18.—Alday in my chambr; my paine much eassior. Wilding, in the eivening, came with Frost great bull to bee killed.

November 19.—About 10, Bror Dalton and kinde soul came to see mee, and satte with mee and howr. In the eivening, shee cos. Cole came to see us. Jemmy Layborne calld in his way ffrom Leighton. Bror Hother and Charles Rigby, ye Admirll, came and playd att cards with us till past 10.

November 20.—Alday in my chambr, much eassior ffrom paine; Hevens bee praysed. Pd 6d. pro two post lettrs.

November 21.—John Hawthorntwate came to see mee. Will Critchley at same time came to take a ffarme, off Head Nooke Barns. In the eivening went to ye gover^s; spent 1s. in wine, viz., 6d. with John Yeats and Xop^r Barrow, and 6d. with Bro^r Gutrick, Milles, &c. Cos. Ned Rigby with us; soe home; but catched could.

November 22.—Do^r H—den soe kinde as to come here; went to X. Cos Carus and his doug^r Carus dined with us, and stay^d even songe. P^d 6d. pro 2 lett^rs. Younge L^d came here, but did not stay, tho^h hee s^d he would stay all night, and his man stay^d here till past 10.

The 22nd was Sunday.

November 23.—Alday in the house; poor wiffe very bad in a could.

November 24.—Alday in the house. In the eivening, Mr. Apleton and Mr. Holden came and satt an how^r with us. P^d 7d. pro two lett^rs.

November 25.—Went in ye morning to Thurnham; stay^d there alday. Gave John H^tt 1s.; soe home.

November 26.—Met Bro^r Dalton and cos. Hornhill, at Aldcliffe, a hunting. Kill^d one hare, and thence to ye King's Armes, Lan^r; spent with Bro^r Dalton, kind soule, George Carus, Jo. Yeats, Ralph ffarbroth^r, and others, 1s. 6d.; soe home.

November 27.—Alday in the house, and much in my poor wive's chamb^r, shee beeing violently ill of a could.

November 28.—Alday a hunting, in Booke, with cos. Go. Carus and Jo. Yeats; wee killed two hares; soe home. In ye eivening went to Mr. Beardsworth's, where I found cos. Osbaldeston and son Worton; stay with y^m till 10 and a halfe; spent 1s.; soe home.

November 29.—Went in the morning to Aldclife, remand^r off ye day in ye house, it beeing violently could.

November 30.—Went in ye morning to Scorton sale; did my business there; cal^d att Highgate; din^d with Bro^r Dalton, ye younge Lord, and severall good negh^r; it being a hunting meeting. After din^r my cos. Strickland and Mr. Sheepard came to us, and affter them, Mr. John. I p^d ffor Jerry and selfe; spent 2s. 6d. A deposited 1s. in Bro^r Dalton's hands as an earles ffor a ginny; the younge Lord did the licke. The wager was y^tt the chestnutt stoned horse the L^d bought off Rob^tt Hull, now in his keeping, was a nage more of a pice

Younge Lord

than old Shrowsbury, late Duke Hamilton's horse. Affter this wager Ralph ffarbrother and I went home.

"An earles" evidently means "an earnest"—money given in hand to bind a bargain or wager.—Robert Hull would be one of the ancient family of that name long seated at Carlton. In 1548, John Hulle, of Carlton, married Alyce, daughter of Richard Gillow, of Bryning, whose nephew, George, of the same place, married Anne, daughter of John Allen, of Rossal. In the *Cal. to Pleadings*, 4 and 5 Phil. and Mary (1557-8), we find Alyce Hulle, widow, plaintiff in a dispute relative to lands, &c., in *Miche Carlton*. Her son, John Hull, of Carlton, gent., married the only daughter and eventually heiress of Hugh Singleton, Esq. (second son of George Singleton, of Stayning, Esq.), by Mary, sister and co-heiress of Lawrence Carlton, of Carlton, Esq., who had married Hugh's sister Margaret. Thornber, in his History of Blackpool, tells us that the late Rev. John Hull, vicar of Poulton, and the Rev. Mr. Buck, of Adgecroft, "who inherited and now possesses a part of his maternal share of the estate of the Carltons," were the representatives of this family.

December primo.—Almorning in ye house. In the eivening wentt to cosin Tom Carus, where kinde soule and Mrs. Anne Houghton, were gossops; stay^d^ supr; gave the made one shilling; soe home; p^d^ 6d. pro two lettrs, one ffrom Jack Thornton, ye other ffrom Tho. Gest, that hee had ffound a 8 quartrs beed off coles att Holcroffte.

Coles found.

The word "gossips" means sponsors, therefore "kinde soule and Mrs. Anne Houghton," were god-father and god-mother to one of Mrs. Carus's children. "Gossip," or "Gossib," as it is sometimes spelt, is a compound word derived from the name of God, and the old Anglo-Saxon word "Sib," which means akin.—If the Diarist's descendants could have retained possession of the Holcroft property, the coal alone would have placed them in an affluent position.

December 2.—Almorning in the house. In the eivening went to take leave off ye Admll, honest good ffriend cos. Charles Rigby, but afterwards hee came to see us and satte with his Mrs. an howr—prety Mrs. G—feild—he watted on her home, and was an howr in walking betwixt and old Sherson's.

Admll

December 3.—In the morning Bror Dalton and Jack Layborne called. I went with Bror Dalton to ye Linge Cloas to see his coliors boar. Thence to Halton to dinr with Sr Pears Mostin's dougr, Mrs. Ann Houghton, and kind soul. Gave the groom 1s.; soe home.

December 4.—In the morning sent Lawrence to Wigan ffor Doctr Fs W—ton, my poor wiffe being very ill. Gave him 8s. 6d. pro pocket moneys. P^d^ 6d., pro two lettrs. All day in ye house.

December 5.—Alday in ye house. Mr. Sheepard and Ned Reedr came to see mee. In ye eivening Lawrence returned with ye Doctr, and brought mee £8 ffrom Mr. Parkinson; my poor wife much revived with something the Doctr ordered her.

December 6.—Went with ye Doctr to Aldclife. In ye eivening went with

him to Mr. Beardsworth's; spent 2s., 2d., and he 2s.; Mr. Walker and the kimist with us.

December 7.—Gave Doctr £1 10s. 0d., but hee would but take 20s. Mr. B—worth. Brought him as ffare as Thurnham; stayd there an hour; tuke leave with my Lady Mosten, and all her doughrs. Pd 2s. 8d ffor 2 crevatts; soe home. About 8, went to Mr. Beardsworth's about ye goale; came back at nine, and writ for him till 12; soe too beed.

December 8.—Went in ye morning to Aldclife. From thence a hunting an hour. In the evening went to speake to Mr. Beardsworth; dranke halfe a pinte of whitwine; pd 6d.; soe home. Gave Hadock 4d.

December 9.—Gave Mrs. 2s. to bye soap. Alday in the house. In the eivening Dick Gorney came, and wee went to Mr. Beardsworth's, about Lodge, where Shawe's knavery was made plane. Treated ym; spent 2s. 6d; soe home.

December 10.—In the morning, honest Dick Gorney went home, and I went to Thurnham to see cos. Hornhill, not well. Stayd there all day, but home att evening; my poor wiffe nott any bettr of her angry sickness.

December 11.—My poor wiffe very bad. In the house alday. Pd 9d. pro lettrs.

December 12.—In the house alday. My poor wiffe very ill. Pd 2s. 6d. for provission.

December 13.—Went to Aldcliffe; Hen. Madsley with mee. My poor wife somewhat bettr. Pd 6d. pro lettrs. Hen. Madsley alnight with mee

This was Sunday.

December 14.—Tuke two pills per Doctr Francis Worthington ordr. My poor wiffe, Hevens bee praysd, somewhat eassior of her stich. Sr W: Greenffeid and lawr Rigby came to see us.

December 15.—Alday in the house. My poor wife much ffreor ffrom payne. Pd 7d. pro 2 lettrs.

December 16.—Went in ye morning a hunting, to Heaton. Rob. Birkett and Ralph Far—brothr with me. Killed one hare. Gave James Ronson her, who gave us good drinke, &c. Thence to Mr. Beardsworth, where Rob., Ralph, the old Fryor, and I, were very merry. I treatd Rob.; spent 8s. 2d.; soe home to my poor wife; found her much hartior.

Heaton is 8 miles W.S.W. of Lancaster, and in that parish. Heaton-with-Oxcliffe forms one township. The manor of Heaton has been the property of the Brockholes, of Claughton, since 8 Hen. IV.

December 17.—Went with Mr. Beardsworth to Garstange; treated him with 6d. of brandy. At ye Old Hollins meet the tenents about sending theyr monys up to London for yer leases, and found them willing, viz.:—Mr. Cross, Hen. Madsley, Dick Gorney, Ben. Corney, John Parkinson, who spooke ye ffirst his willingnes to ye matter. John Brand, Richd Kitchin, Hen. Simpson, Ralph Jackson, and widow Bajne, James Brand, and Franke Mally, sent word the would doe ye same. Treated ym with 2s. of ale. Spent at Mrs. Beesley's pro selfe 1s., and 1s. in diners pro man, Dick Gorney, Wilding, and John Brand, in dinrs, and 6d. in ale. Thence home. Spent 8d. at Ellall Milles.

kindness off Tenentts Memorad.

December 18.—Went a hunting to Booke. Called to see Bror Dalton's borrers; gave ym 6d.; killed one hare, but chassed home with rajne. Pd 7d. pro 2 lettrs; ffound Mrs. very harty, God bee thanked.

Bulk was the property of the Daltons, and is now held by their representative, Sir Dalton Fitzgerald, Bart. There is now no colliery worked here.

December 19.—Pd Will Tompson, quar, pro coles and leading to Parke Hall, thirty 8 shillings. Gave Ned Mally to bye butr, eges, etc., 2s. 6d. Sent a shilling down to bye othr provission. Gave Rob. Cardwell 1s., and his boy 6d., ffor coming with malte and oates.

December 20.—Doctr Harden dined with us. I went with him to Hen. Westby's; stayd an hour; soe back to eivening songe. Went to Mr. Beardsworth's; spent 6d.; thence to ye King's Arms, to Sr Will. Grandffeild; satte 2 hours; soe too beed.

December 21.—Went to Aldclife to X. Att my returne pd Tho. Dundell for stacking turfe on the moss 4s.; thence to ye King's Armes. Dined with Sr W: Grandvill, as did lawr Rigby. Sr W: treated us, but wee spent 1s. each. Thence to Mr. Beardsworth; spent 6d. with dito lawyr, cos. Shearson, and Tho. Preston, in rejoycing for Ld Haversham; soe home.

December 22.—Dind att home. In the eivening went to Mr. Beardsworth's; spent with Sr W: Grandvill, kinde soule, and Lawr Rigby, 2s. 6d.; thence to ye King's Arms; spent 6d. with Sr W: Grandvill; soe home.

December 23.—In the morning went a coursing with Sr W: G:, Lawr Rigby, &c., to Ashton. Found Mr. Walker just come ffrom Scotland, Sr Will: G: and I went to dinr to Thurnham. In ye eivening Bror Dalton returned home, who tould us hee was apprehensive of beeing robed on

Mirscough Planke by 8 well mounted. I stay[d] there till 10. Gave John Hoult 1s.; soe home.

Myerscough Plank is situated on the Preston and Garstang highroad, about three miles south of the latter town. It was formerly a dangerous place, and seems to have been infested with highwaymen.

December 24.—Alday in y[e] house. Gave Ned Mally 1s. 6d. to by things ffor y[e] house use. Gave a boy 6d. ffor bringing brawn ffrom Kirkland. About a 11 att night went to Aldcliffe, where Doct[r] Harden preached gloriously.

Xmas Day.—In the eivening went to Mr. Beardsworth's to consider about y[e] goale, and resolved to goe in y[e] morning. Spent 1s.; soe home.

December 26.—Set fforward ffor Preston, in company of Mr. Gutick, his prety little doug[r], and y[e] Gorn[r]; parted with y[m] on Haworth More, they ffor Englwhite & I to Dick Gorney's. Stay[d] there an how[r]; thence to Preston. Spent with S[r] W: G——vill, Doct[r] Hesketh, and Mr. Orme 6d.; soe too beed, att Dick Jackson, affter y[e] Gov[r] and I had consid[r]ed what method to take about the goale.

December 27.—P[d] at Dick Ja——on's an old score, when I wated on D[ch] Hamilton, 8s. P[d] pro horse, man, & selfe, 2s. 6d. Gaye y[e] servants Crow Hall. 1s. Thence to Crow Hall, where I had occation to chide Mr. Jo. Swarbrick ffor disloyalty; thence to White Bull, and din[d] with Mr. Beardsworth. Meet Bro[r] Gutrick at Garstang. P[d] 2s. at White Bull; spent 6d. att Bety Wakffeild's, 6d. at Ellal Milles, and at Mr. B——worth's 1s. with dito 2 and Lawer Rigby.

The last date was Sunday.—The Rev. John Swarbrick, who appears to have offended the loyalty of the Diarist, probably in not praying for the exiled Stuarts, resided at Singleton, and, besides that mission, occasionally attended to those of Crow Hall and Midge Hall. He left a sum of money towards the erection of a chapel at the latter place and for the support of a priest, and at the end of his will says:—"Blessed be those that forward these my pious designs, and let those who offer to alter any part of them answer for it at the tribunal of Almighty God." However his "designs" were deviated from, and the new chapel was erected at Newhouse, in Newsham, in 1731.

December 28.—Gave Mrs. 1s. After din[r] went to y[e] White Bull; Mr. Beardsworth ffollowed mee. Met y[e] tenents, spent 5s. on them—Tho. Barto, Tho. Wambsley, and Rich[d] Ackers. We had a hare & ffowle rosted, and were very merry.

December 29.—In y[e] morning more tenentts came, and spent 8s.; soe to Preston, in ord[r] to take y[e] goale off Mr. Parkinson, Will. Farington's substitute. Charles Solom lent mee his horse, mine ffaling lame. Honest

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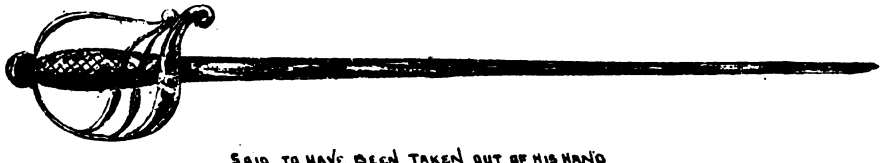
BEARING A DEVICE OF THE TYLDESLEYS.

SIR THOMAS TYLDESLEY'S SWORD :



SAID TO HAVE BEEN TAKEN OUT OF HIS HAND
WHEN HE FELL AT "WIGAN-LANE".

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DRAWN BY D. GRANT

Ned Winckley mett us in ordr to be servicable, but noe good to bee don. Saw ye High Sherife with much company. Affter, went with him to ye Old Coffy House; satte with him, Doctr F———on, two endr sheriffes, 2 hours, and then went to Ned Winckley. Spent 6d. at Coffy, and 6d. with him. About 11 got Mr. Beardsworth and Mr. Parkinson toogethr, but noe bargean could bee made. Spent 1s.; soe too beed.

William Farrington, of Werdon, Esq., was the High Sheriff for the year 1714, and apparently his office would include the governorship of the Preston gaol, of which Mr. Parkinson was the "substitute." This the Diarist seems anxious to have obtained, perhaps in accordance with the plans for the intended rising in favour of the Pretender, which took place in the ensuing year. As we see, however, he was disappointed.—"Doctr F——on" or Valentine Farrington, Esq., M.D., was a younger brother of the High Sheriffe.

December 30.—Pd att Dick Ja——son's pro horses, &c., 2s. 6d. Gave ye servantts 1s. Pd pro a tine coffy pott 2s. 6d. Soe to ye White Bull. Pd pro horses, &c., there, 1s. 6d., and 1s. to ye servants. Thence to Garstang to meet 2 Batsons, Hen. Madsley, Ben. Corney, and some tenentts. Spent at Jo. Corless 1s.; soe home; found Tho. Gest.

December 31.—Received of Tho. Gest £8 10s. 0d. Pd 6s. pro Mrs. camlet making, and 1s. 6d. pro a qur of mutton. Gave Margery Pick 5s. pro wage. Tuke Tho. Gest to Mr. Beardsworth's, and spentt 1s. 6d.; soe home.

Camlet is a kind of stuff made with wool and silk.

1714.

January primo.—Went to Thurnham with Tho. Gest. Mett his son Thomas there, who came back with us; stayd all day; gave Jo. and Robin 2s.; soe home. Dick Gorney came, and I tuke him and 2 Tho—as Gests to Mr. Beardsworth; treated ym with meat, drink, 3s.

January 2.—In the morning went with Dick Gorney and 2 Gests to Garstange. Pd Jack Glave pro meat 15s., and pd Mrs. Beesley pro N. tungs 3s. Spent 2s., and gave Mrs. Besley's sons sixpence. Thence to ye White Bull; meet the tenents, and concluded of sending theyr moneys up by younge Mr. Batston.

A neat's tongue is that of an ox or cow.

January 8.—Pd pro meat and drinke pro man, &c., 2s. 6d., and pro horses 1s. Gave ye majde 0d. Thence to Esqre Brookholles; sate with ye younge Esqre an howr; prayd; and thence to ye ffell-end. Dined with Mr. Walker, Mr. Cawthorne, Mr. Tayr, one David Alexdr, newly comen ffrom fflandrs; gave ye boy 6d.; soe home.

January 4.—Pd Denny, the tayr, 5s. In the house ye remaindr off ye day.

January 5.—In the eivening went to Mr. Beardsworth; playd at cards with Bror Gutrick, his lady, and Br Hothr; lost 1s., and spent 1s. 6d.; soe home.

January 6.—Alday in ye house, not well with siting up.

January 7.—Went in ye morning with Mr. Beardsworth to Garstange. Dined with Jack Layborne; spent 2s. pro man, selfe, and some drink for ye tenentts. Thence to Preston; rid itt in an how and quartr. Spent att Dick Jackson 8d., with Sr W: G—vill, Tom Hesketh, Tom ffoster, and Tom Worton. Thence to ye White Bull. Spent 6d. in wine with dito company; soe too beed att Dick J—on's.

January 8.—Alday in Preston with the tenentts. Gave Mr. Pritchard one pinte off wine, and spent one shilling at White Bull, and 6d. at Rob. Walshman's. Pd Nell Jackson ffor all expenses 8s. 8d., ye tenents having dranke some ale; soe to Banister Hall.

January 9.—Went with Ned W: to Preston; did some business; spent there in severall companys 2s. 4d.; soe backe to Banr Hall.

January 10.—Alday att Banr Hall; Sr W: G—vil came, dined, and stayd alnighte with us.

January 11.—Partd with Sr W: G:, hee into Yorkshire, wee to Preston, the tenents paying in theyr moneys to young Mr. Batson, about 1100 pounds. My dear true Ned W: all day with mee. Spent 4s. 6d.; soe to Banr Hall.

January 12.—Alday till eivening att Banr Hall. Went with Mr. W: W: and Jo. Holden affoot to see Mr. Nevell; att our returne ffound Doct. Hesketh, who stayd all night with us.

January 13.—Went with Ned W: to Preston, who stated the accountts with Shawe. I signed them and a lease to Ben. Cardwell and Hen.

Madsley. Treated Ned W: and ye tenents; spent 5s. Affterwards satte 8 howrs with Tom W—ton, Gab: Hesketh, younge Jack Threlfall, Stanley, Wearden, Batson, &c. Pd ffor 4 gills off wine to mix with watter 2s.; and about 2, Ned W: and I went ffor Banr Hall.

The Hesketh of Whitehill, in Goosnargh, were a younger branch of the family of Hesketh, of Aughton, who in their turn were descended from a younger son of Thomas Hesketh, Esq., of Rufford, who died in 1463. Sir Thomas Hesketh, Knt., 3rd son of Gabriel Hesketh, of Aughton, by his second wife, Jane, daughter of Sir Henry Halsall, appears to have been the first of this family who lived at Whitehill. He purchased Heslington, near York, and sometimes resided there, and sometimes at Whitehill. He was Bencher and Reader at Gray's Inn, and attorney to Queen Elizabeth and King James I. He was also one of the Court of Wards and Liveries, and one of the Council for the North parts at York. In 1586, he was returned M.P. for Preston, and in 1597 and 1603 for Lancaster. Dying without issue, he left his estates to his younger brother, Cuthbert Hesketh, who settled at Whitehill. Cuthbert was twice married,—first to Jennet, daughter of John Parkinson, of Whinney Clough, and second, to Anne, daughter of Edmund Parkinson, of Banc House, who died *s. p.* By his first wife he had issue—Thomas Hesketh, Esq., who inherited Heslington, and was slain in the service of Charles I., in Manor Yard, at York, and whose granddaughter and coheiress, Anne Hesketh, married James Yarburgh, Esq., of Yarburgh and Snaith Hall, and died in 1718; Bartholomew, *o. s. p.*; Gabriel, who succeeded to Whitehill (will dated 28th March, 1677), of whom hereafter; Juliana, married to Edm. Threlfall, of The Ashes, Goosnargh, Esq.; Eliz., married to Robert (or William) Scott, Esq., of Pemberton, near Wigan; Jane, married to William Parkinson, of Wyreside; Anne, married to James Parkinson, of Blindhurst; Joanna, married to Richard Parkinson, of Lickhurst; and Mary, married first to Robert Border, and second to Christopher Sidgreaves, of Chipping. The third son, Gabriel Hesketh, Esq., of Whitehill, married in 1649, Anne, daughter of Robert Simpson, of Barker, in Goosnargh, and had issue—Cuthbert Hesketh, Esq., who married Hellen, daughter of Hugh Charley, of Hurton (or Burton), Esq., and dying without issue in November, 1702, devised Whitehill to his nephew, Gabriel Hesketh; Robert Hesketh, who married first, Anne, daughter of John Holden, of Chagley, and second, Anne, daughter of Richard Blackburne, of Broughton, and died without issue; Bartholomew Hesketh, of Fishwick, who died in 1694-5; Richard Hesketh, who married, and had issue a daughter, Mary, living in 1702; George Hesketh; Roger Hesketh, of whom hereafter; Anne, married to Butler Colebrand, of Freckleton; Jennet, married to George Middleton, of Hollyns; Joanna, married to Mr. Pell, of Dublin; and Mary. The sixth son, Roger, had issue —Gabriel Hesketh, Esq., who, under the will of his uncle, Cuthbert, dated 19th November, 1691, succeeded to Whitehill, and married 18th September, 1691, Isabel, daughter of Richard Westby, younger brother of Thomas Westby, of Mowbreck and Bourn, Esq., of whom hereafter; and Anne, the only daughter, who married Mr. Sallom, and had issue a son and heir, John Sallom, gent., who, by a private Act of Parliament (9 Geo. II., No. 75, 1735-6), entitled "A bill for vesting in John Sallom, gentleman, and his heirs, a reversion in fee of lands and hereditaments therein mentioned in the county of Lancaster, forfeited by Gabriel Hesketh, attainted of high treason," succeeded to the Whitehill estates, which he sold in 1757. Gabriel Hesketh, having taken an active part in the Rebellion of 1715, was, as we have above mentioned, attainted of high treason, and his estates were declared to be vested in the king. He died in March, 1730-31, leaving issue five sons, all of whom died without issue, viz.:—Cuthbert, born 11th August, 1692, who was engaged in the Rebellion of 1715, and was attainted of high treason, and *ob. ante pat.*; Richard, born 3rd September, 1693, *ob. ante pat.*; Robert, born 2nd October, 1694, ob. June, 1697; Thomas, born 15th March, 1695-6, *ob. ante pat.*; Roger, of Whitehill, born 7th February, 1699-10, who survived his father, and was buried at Goosnargh, 16th November, 1731. Thus the name of Hesketh ceased to be connected with Goosnargh.

January 14.—Pd Ned W: 7s. pro aples bought at Lowr Hall. Gave him

1s. pro salve lay^{d} out pro coult. Gave George 2s. 6d. pro care of ye coult. Gave 2 majds 2s. Thence to Preston; spent 6d., and received £10 left by Dick Kellet. Thence to Garstange. Dined with Mr. B——dworth & H. Dicke Gorney. Spent 1s. 6d. pro man & horse. Gave ye ostler 2d.; thence back to ye White Bull, where Mr. B——worth and I lay togeth^{r}.

January 15.—Left White Bull about one o'clock. P^{d} pro man, horses, and what the tenentts dranke, 4s., and gave ye servantts 1s.; soe home by Thurnham.

January 16.—Gave Ned Malley 8s. 6d. to market with. Charles Solom & Jo Hathorntwate came to see mee. All the day in ye house, lame with my jorney.

Charles Sollom was the landlord of the White Bull, in Bilsborough.

January 17.—Doct^{r} Harden pr^{d} here, dined, and stay^{d} till eivening. Very lame off my left hand.

This was Sunday.

January 18.—Very lame in both hands and left should^{r}. Alday on the beed; apply^{d} cabige to my hand w^{h} abatted the paine, but incressed the swelling.

January 19.—Very lame and in great paine, the gout running all over mee and afflicting my coll^{r} boans very much.

January 20.—Lame alover; fforsed to leave the cabage leaves off, they drue with such severity.

January 21.—My paine somwhat abatted, tho^{h} lame alover, but some more easse, the Greatt God bee ever gloriffy^{d}, Amen.

January 22.—Very lame all over; on the beed most of ye day. Mr. Sheep^{d} came & satte with 3 how^{rs} about doeing him business to Bro^{r} Bland. Kellet Dick came and stay^{d} all night, but never asked ffor me.

January 23.—A good part off ye day in & on the beed, beeing lame in both hands and both ffeet. Gave Ned Mally 5s. to by provissions into ye house.

January 24.—Very lame in both hands; on the beed all day.

January 25.—In great paine in both should^{r}. In the eivening Doct^{r} Batson and Dick Gorney came about Lodge business, and satt till beed time.

January 26.—Ris in great payne of my neck and both collr boans. In ye morning, affter Doctr Batson had been here, hee went home. Jo. Houlden came to see mee, and Mr. Bentley came and satte 8 howrs about Lodge busines. Pd 6d. pro 2 lettrs.

January 27.—In some more easse, God be blessed, but alday in my roome.

January 28.—In my roome alday, my paine much abatted, Hevens bee glorifyd.

January 29.—Sent Hadock ffor mony to Tho. Gest; gave him 2s. 6d., and Ned Mally 8s., to by things into ye house. Much bettr. God be praysd.

January 30.—Alday in the house. Hen. Smith here about Croans Moss. Pd 1d. ffor a consated alminack off Partridge's

Partridge's was a favourite almanack in the 18th century.

January 31.—About a leven went to the Green Eyer to harden myself. In the eve. went to Mr. B——worth's; sat 8 howrs with Backhouse, Gutrick, Hother, and Rob. Hutton. Spent in wine 1s. 6d.

February primo.—Left Lanr att one post prad. Meet Hadock, tuke 40s., sent the rest home. Alnight att ye White Bull, in ordr to see what the ffarm tenentts would doe. Pd pro drink and meat 1s. 8d.

February 2.—Old Mr. Batson cald off mee, about Lodge busines, as hee went to Preston; Old Hen. Madsley with mee. Rob. Birkett came to mee about Lodge business, and dined with mee. Pd pro meat 1s. 6d., and drink 1s. In the eivening old Mr. Batson, Hen. Madsley, and a great deall, was with mee.

February 3.—Went to Natby; dined there. Went to Bowers House; Tom, Will, and Mrs. Green, begining house ytt day. Stayd till sunsett, thence back to White Bull. Paid in the morning, att White Bull, pro drinke 4s. 6d., and gave Robt Cardwell 10s. to get my corne made. I ffound Tom Edsfforth, Ralph Nickson, and Will Hornby; two last had been to get Mr. Winckley consentt. They satte a great time too noe purpas, soe I went too beed. Gave ye boy 6d. att Natby.

Thomas Edsforth, of Myerscough Plank, yeoman, had issue a son and namesake of the same place, who was the father of Thomas and John Edsforth. The eldest son, likewise of Myerscough Plank, married Mary, daughter of James Sidgreaves, of Inglewhite Lodge, and dying, in 1806, left issue—Thomas, of Myerscough Plank, and

Lea, born in December, 1777, of whom hereafter; John, of Fell Side, Goosnagh, who married Mary, daughter of Mr. Gill, and had issue a son, James, who died young; Elizabeth, married to Mr. Leeming; Anne, married to Mr. Whittingham, of Whittingham, son of Richard Whittingham, of Whittingham Hall; and Mary, born Aug., 1775, who died unmarried, Feb., 1844. The eldest son, Thomas, married Alice, daughter and co-heir of Robert Haydock, of Bartle, the representative of the Haydocks of Cottam Hall, and dying 26th April, 1856, left issue—Thomas, Robert, James, Mary, Anne, Elizabeth, and Jane.

February 4.—P^d^ pro horses 4s., pro servants' meat 1s., and 1s. 8d. pro ale; and gave the maide 1s., and ye boy 6d. Thence to Garstange. Dined with Mr. Beardsworth, Doct^r^ Batson, Dick Gorney, and Jos—a Tounson. Gave y^m^ a hare and treated them; spent 2s. 8d.; Tom Edsforth, W. Hornby, and Ralph, all there. Promissed to reffer to old Mr. Batson and Ben Corney. Thence home.

February 5.—Alday in the house, lame with my jorney. P^d^ 6d. pro lett^rs^.

February 6.—Alday in the house. Gave Ned Malley 2s. 6d. to pay ffor coles. Mr. Simion Jenkinson cam to see mee, and satt very kindly 2 howr^s^.

February 7.—Went in ye morning to Aldcliffe. Not well, but call^d^ ffor drink beffor pray^rs^. and tho^h^ sat in ye Doct^r's^ room, yett very bad and beg^d^ drinke affter pray^rs^. In the eivening went to Mr. B—sworth, but cold not stay for ye headache. Spent 6d. in wine; soe home.

This was Sunday.

February 8.—Alday in the house, bad off the headache. My wife blooded mee, but could nott gett above 8 ounces. In ye eivening Dr. Fan. Wo—ton came; ordered mee a bollos when I went too beed.

February 9.—In the morning tuke three old pills per D^r^ ord^r^, but soe dry the worked not but 2^ce^. D^r^. here alday.

February 10.—In ye morning Dr. Fan. W—ton left us. Gave him 20s., wh. hee, as always, tuke very thankfull, tho^h^ too litle per halfe, but a right worthy and griping ffree man. I was very bad all that day; now and then a stoole.

The following letter, addressed by the worthy doctor a few days later, "To Thomas Tyldesley, Esquire, at his house, near Lancaster," may be of interest: "Sir, I must begg your pardon for not waiteing on your Lady this day according to promise, but I was send for to Warrington yesterday, and am but just got home, and whilst abroad theire came a letter for mee to goe to Lytham, so that I shall (God willing) bee att Preston on Saturday by a leven a clock in the morneing, so that if theire bee any extrodinary occasion you may be pleased to lett mee know by Post, and direct your letter for mee to bee left att the White Bull, in Preston, and I will

come straite forward to Lancaster, otherways I will goe to Lytham, and waite on your Lady on Monday, which . . . . from, sir, yr most humble servante, F. Worthington.—Wigan, Thursday night, att a clock, Feb. 14, 17[illegible]."

February 11.—Tuke 8 new pills per Dr's. ordr to carry of the old ones, but Hodghon, contrary to ordrs, made a box of nine pills into 17, soe ytt taking 8 proved but half a dose wch could not work, therffor both remand in my body; only purgd 2 or 3 time, and once in the night.

Apo—ry Hodgson Memdum.

February 12.—Very uneassy with ye gripes, and 8 purging stooles per diem, and 2 per N—tem.

February 13.—In griping paine, and 3 or 4 per diem, and 8 in ye night.

February 14.—Sick in ye morning; purgd 8 times. Doctr Harden prayd with us, and stayd alday. In the eivening wee had an account that younge Tom Carus went to church both ffor and after noon, & sate in cos. Cole's pew. Litle Dick Shutlesworth here in his way ffrom Cumberland home.

Tom Carus Renegade.

The Carus family had always been Catholic up to this time, and with the exception recorded in the Diary remained so. In the list of Catholic non-jurors taken after the rebellion of 1715, we find the names of George and Frances Carus as returning annuities out of Halton, Skirton, &c., of £30 and £100 respectively.

February 15.—Very sick with my purging and grips. Ltle D. Shutlesworth keept mee company. Purgd per diem 4, and 8 per n—tem.

February 16.—My purging continews, and in much paine. Very great snows fell. L: D: Shutlesworth keeptt mee company. Pd 6d. pro 2 lettrs. 4 time per diem, and but twice per n—tem.

February 17.—Great ffrost & snow. My purging abatted. A great deal off wimen came to see sistr, but satt with mee till I was sicke with theyr chattle. L: D: Shutlesworth with mee. Noe stoole per noctem. ffour gentlemen from Preston came purposely to this town to bee merry with Dalton, Strickland, Hugh Diconson, and ye Recordr, viz., Osbaldeston, Tom Stanley, Tom W——ton, and Cicill.

February 18.—The gentlemen continew theyr jollity, but poor Tom in paine. L: D: Shutlesworth keept mee company.

February 19.—The gentlemen stick together, jolly and merry; I in paine alday. L: D: Shutlesworth with mee.

February 20.—In great paine alday off the grips. I sent to Hugh Dicon-

son, at ye King's Armes, ffor 2 ginnys lentt him att London, 12 years since, and hee very gentlemanly lick sentt mee one and promissed the other.

"Poor Tom," as the Diarist calls himself, was evidently sorely troubled that he could not join "the gentlemen" in their four days' carousal.—Alexander Osbaldeston, one of the four gentlemen from Preston, was the representative of the knightly family of that name, which traces its descent from the Saxon Eilfi de Osbaldeston. Alexander Osbaldestone, of Osbaldestone Hall, Esq., married Anne, daughter of John Talbot, of Salisbury, Esq., and dying 9th February, 1670, left issue—Edward, eldest son and heir, born in 1652, who married Jane, daughter of Thomas Bradyll, of Portfield, Esq., and of whose issue hereafter; John, ob. young; Alexander, unmarried; and Michael, of Preston, who married and had issue, of whom hereafter. The eldest son, Edward, had issue—Alexander, bap. at Blackburn, 22nd May, 1677; Thomas, born in 1681, and died 1701; Edward, born 1684; John, ob. infant; Jane, born 1679; and Anne, ob. infant. The eldest son, Alexander, the gentleman referred to in the Diary, chiefly resided at Preston, and it is supposed greatly encumbered the estates and ruined the prospects of the family. He died unmarried, and was buried at Blackburn, 22nd May, 1747.' We now return to the issue of Michael Osbaldestone—John, the eldest son, who inherited the Osbaldestone estates after the decease of his cousin Alexander, likewise appears to have been a spendthrift, and we find him selling his interest in the estates for £5,000, with a life annuity of £400. He had a brother George, who was engaged in the wars in Flanders for some years, but was living in Friargate, Preston, in 1719. He was twice married. By his first wife he had issue a son, George, a weaver in Knutsford, who, in 1778, tried to regain possession of the Osbaldestone estates, and from the law proceedings in this case, it appears that in 1743, Allan Harrison, Esq., of Lancaster, had a mortgage on the estate. By his will, dated 25th April, 1752, Mr. Harrison devised the manors of Great Mearley and Osbaldestone, lands in Osbaldestone and Ribchester, &c., in the county of Lancaster, to his daughter, Anne Sybele, afterwards wife of George Wilson, Esq. In 1774, the Osbaldeston estate passed by sale from George Wilson and Anne Sybele, his wife, to Sir George Warren, of Poynton, and was sold by his representative, the Lord de Tabley, about the year 1866, to Henry Ward, Esq., of Blackburn. By his second wife Isabel, George Osbaldestone, senior, had issue a son, John Stanley Osbaldestone, of Preston, and a younger son, Joseph. The elder had issue, Joseph and John, whose children may now be sought for in a much lower grade of life than that of their ancestors.

February 21.—Very uneasy with my continewed grips alday.

February 22.—In great paine off griping. News confirmed off Macartney beeing taken in the Isle off Man by March^tt^ Norry.

The Diarist must be mistaken, for Macartney escaped, but surrendered himself to take his trial at the Court of King's Bench, June 13, 1716, as an accessory in the alleged murder of the Duke of Hamilton; he was acquitted of the murder, but found guilty of manslaughter. The Duke had accepted a challenge from Charles, Lord Mohun, and a duel ensued in Hyde Park, Sunday, 15 November, 1712, in which he killed Lord Mohun, but was immediately after killed himself, by the treachery, it was strongly suspected, of General Macartney, Lord Mohun's second, who fled on the occasion. This affair created a great commotion throughout the kingdom, and the Scots peers addressed her Majesty to write to all foreign states to cause his apprehension, at the same time offering a reward of £500.

February 23.—In much paine, and sicke alday. John Houlden came and sate with mee.

February 24.—Recived an account ye old Mrs. Carus was dead. I tuke a potion ffrom Xp^r^ Buterfeild by Dr. F; W——ton's order; it did mee good

and gave easse. Made a bargen with Mr. Backhouse, and dito Xpor, ffor Croan's Moss and Litle Longlands, pro £13 5s. per ann.

Crows Moss.

February 25.—Somewhat eassior. Mr. Apleton, Robt Croskell, and John Holden came and sat with mee two hours. Thence to carry old Mrs. Carus to Halton, in ordr to bee buried next eivening ffrom thence.

Robert Crosskell, of Bulk, was a Catholic non-juror in 1716, returning £13. His descendants are still living at the same place.

February 26.—Alday in paine. Dick Nickson came and tould mee Mr. Butler and two boys were coming home by the carrier. Sent Ned M: pro botles to Scorton, but too noe purpose.

February 27.—In paine off grips. Ordered Ned Mally to by in market stuffe.

February 28.—Alday in paine, and sometimes sicke.

This was Sunday.

March primo.—Sent Ned Mally into the ffeild, but had not one peny to give him, Dick Kellet playing the knave with us. Bad in the gripes; tuke a potion, wh did some service, per Dr. F: W—ton ordr.

"The ffeild" means *the Fylde*.

March 2.—Bad in paine. Received two lettrs ffrom Dr. F: W—ton and Tho. Gest. Pd 6d. Wilding and I fell out therow his impertinance, otherways hee had taken Bamber's ffarme. Ned Mally returned ffrom the ffeild.

March 3.—Tuke the bitter drought. Mrs. Anderson breakfasted with sistr and us. About one Jo. Holden came truly merry, and sd he had not put bread in his mouth ytt day, but well of Sr John.

"Well of Sr John," or Sir John Barleycorn, is the Diarist's polite term for referring to the manifest condition of "Jo. Holden."

March 4.—Mrs. Anderson dind with us off hog's puding. After dinr I ventured to ye mill, and stayd there half an howr with Jo. Fell and millr.

March 5.—Alday in the house, very much out off ordr with abstaining ffrom meatt.

This was Friday.

March 6.—Ordered Ned Mally to pay severall small debts out off some monys hee fetched ffrom Preston. Jo. Hawthorntwate here to see mee. Gave Page 6d. to bring a lettr to Dick Gorney. Gave him 10s. ffor Jack Greave.

March 7.—Alday in the house. Honest Dick Gorney came about Lodge business. Hen. Westby and old Tho. Baines came and satte with mee 2 howers.

March 8.—In the morning I sent to Mr. Bordley, who helped mee to 12 pounds due Dick Gornall, in ordr to pay his ffine. I gave him halfe a ginny ffor his kind assistance. After dinr walked into Mr. Benison new house Saw Mr. Bentley there.

March 9.—In the morning Mr. Will Hornby came about Dick Kellet's business, viz., that Kellett could not get ye monys. In the eivening I went with him to Mr. Beardsworth's about ffixing ye matter. Spent 6d.; soe home on ffoot.

March 10.—In the house till one; then tuke horse and rid down towards Scale. Afterwards to Hen Westby's; walked round the gardens and sat with him an howr; thence home; gave Mrs. 1s.

March 11.—Tuke horse; went away by Booke to Halton, called there, and soe home to dinr. All the remandr of the day in the house.

March 12.—Pd 3d. pro a lettr, and 6d. pro 5 orings and one lemon, Walked to my garden, where John Parkinson was working; ffrom thence through the Kill, and calld att Mrs. Anderson's; satt an howr; soe home. Old Tho. Baine calld and stayd an howr with mee.

March 13.—All morning in the house. Gave Ned Mally a ginny to pay som debts and by in market provisions. Walked into ye garden to Jo. Parkinson. Young Graston brought buseffalus home from Wilding's.

March 14.—Doctr Harden prayd with us; went to X. Dined with cos Carus ye youngr's wiffe and George Carus. Affter dinr, Bror Gutrick and Lady came, and satte till eivening. In my boots all day, in expectation to go towards ye Lodge.

This was Sunday.

March 15.—Early in ye morning sett forwards to ye Lodge; called att Thurnham for a ffishmeet; thence to Rob. Maston, in Garstange; stayd an howr, stoped with a showr; thence to ye Whitte Bull. Cos. Butler, off Kirkland, meet mee, and wee went a ffishing to Head Nook Barne pitts. Catched 18 carps. I brought him to ye Lodge; so wee parted, hee home, I to ye White Bull, where Dick Gorney & Nelly, Dick Bambr and Pegy, and old

Hen. Madsley, with Charles Sollome, was very merry. Spent 2s. 8d., viz., 2s. 6d. in ale, & 2d. in two wheat cakes. Soe too beed.

March 16.—In the morning sent Dick Gorney and 6 more harty lads a ffishing; I stop^{d} with a show^{r} off raine. Two of Rob. Rich his sons came in on my godson, to whom I gave 1s.; thence ffollowed the ffish^{rs}, where wee had very good sport, and tuck 8 brave large growen tenches, and 6 as noble carps as I have seen tuke, severall pearch, some gudgons, and a large eyell, & 6 great chevens. I p^{d} pro horse meat and drink, pro 2 days, 4s. Gave the maide 6d., and p^{d} 8s. pro nine quarts off ale ffor ye ffishermen. Spent 6d. in wine with Mr. Walbank, Tom Tall^{r}, and the Maj^{r}. Bryers his cryer; soe home.

March 17.—Gave the wattes 5s., and gave the Mrs. 10s. to pay . . . man off. All the day in ye house, very much ffatig^{d} with my jorney to ye Lodge.

Waits are musicians.

March 18.—Went in the morning to Bentham, to meete my Lord Dorm^{r}. Stay^{d} watting 8 how^{rs}. Spentt att ye ale house pro horses and man 1s. Soe to Mr. Husband's, where I was kindly treated with good white wine, &c., who also treated ye Judge with wine. Gave his boy 6d. Thence with ye Judge to Lan^{r}, wch wee rought not till halfe past 10. Sup^{d} with y^{e} Judge y^{tt} night.

March 19.—Very lame and fful of could and paine with my jorney. Alday in the house. Godson Layborne here.

March 20.—Dined with the Judge, Mr. Hornby, and others. Went to Mr. Beardsworth; spent 6d. in the sell^{r}. Thence to Mr. Hornby, at Cutl$^{r's}$; spent 6d. in coffy, &c. Sought my son, butt could not ffind him

About 5 man Lawrence dyed.

Sup^{d} with the Judge. Soe home, in greatt paine off the gravell Gave Judge's man, Mr. Rob$^{t.}$, 2s. 6d.

March 21.—Alday till eivening in the house. Then went & satt with

Po: La: buried handsomly.

y^{e} Judge till beed time. Doct^{r} F: W: came hither. In great paine of gravell.

This date was Sunday. The Diarist's avoidance of his parish church on Sundays, for which a penalty was exacted of all Roman Catholic recusants, is worthy of notice, as he seems to make a point of regularly recording it.

March 22.—Accounted with Lawrence Cutl^{r} brothers, and they received all due to him; and gave Dr. Harden 10s.; gave Doct^{r} F: W: 20s. ffor

him. Dined with Judge, Sr Jo. Cheshire, and all the lawrs; and Shawe had the good ffortune to present him with 6 ffine noble carps and 6 tench wh were mightily valued. Gave ye cook 2s., and Tom Fisher 1s., as Judge's porter. Sat with ye Judge till beed time, who expressed great ffrendship to mee. The gravell paine continews. Pd Laurence £4 01s. 0s.

March 23.—Almorning in the house, and about 2 wentt to dine with ye Judge, and satt with him till past 8. Hee was soe kind as to send to Mr. Beardsworth on mee account. Treated him kindly, and gave him thankes ffor his sivility to mee. Afterwards Mr. B——worth and I tuke Mr. Frankes to his house and treated him with 2 botles off wine. Soe too beed. In great paine of gra—ll.

Edward Francks, Esq., was living in Preston in 1714.

March 24.—Mounted att 7; attended my Lord Dormrs. first to Halton; thence to Jemmy Knowles, of Kirby, where hee treated us very well. Gave the boy 6d. Parted with cos. Dormr att the touns-end. Spentt att Will Farra's 1s. in wine, and 6d. at Will Mansr's in brandy. Thence to Tunstal, with Mr. Beardsworth and Tom North. Spent 6d. att Jemmy Renison's; soe home with Mr. B——worth. In paine of ye gravell.

Tunstall is a village 3¼ miles S. of Kirby Lonsdale. Thurland Castle, in this parish, was anciently the seat of the Tunstalls, from whom it passed by sale to the Girlingtons. Catherine, granddaughter and ultimately heiress of Sir John Girlington, knight, married Henry Butler, Esq., of Rawcliffe, whose son and heir, Richard, succeeded to Thurland Castle, and left a daughter, Catherine, stated in the Butler pedigree to be heiress to the Thurland Castle estate. She married Edward Markham, of Ollarton, county Notts, Esq., and had issue two daughters—Mary, the wife of Francis Tunstall, Esq., of Wycliffe, county York (the descendant of the Tunstalls of Thurland Castle), and Catherine, a nun at Louvain, both living in 1821. Sometime after the attainder of Henry and Richard Butler, however, Thurland appears to have been purchased by the family of Welch, of Deepclough, in Littledale, Caton. Robert Welch, Esq., who resided at Leck, in Tunstall, and died in 1775, is said to have sold the entire manor of Thurland, and the advowson of Tunstall vicarage, to Miles North, Esq., of Kirby Lonsdale (probably a descendant of the "Tom North" of the Diary), who was succeeded by his son, Richard Toulmin North, Esq., whose great-nephew, North North, Esq., is the present Lord of the Manor of Tunstall.

March 25. 1714. Very bad with paine of ye gra—ll. Went to take the eyer, Pd ye collr 8s. All the after-noon in ye house.

March 26.—In very great paine all day off ye gravell, & in ye house. Gave Mrs. 2s. to by ra—ons, co—vens, and sugr, ffor ye day beeing Good Fryday.

March 27.—My payne of gra—ll continewd. In ye house alday. Gave Ned Mally 8s. 6d. to by provissions into the house. Pd Thompson, ye collr, pro colles, 10s.

March 28.—My payne incressed. Not able to move without helpe. Alday in ye house. Pd 6d. pro 2 lettrs.

This was Easter Sunday.

March 29.—Went with Mrs. to Aldclife, & in the eivening, thoh in great paine, ridd out, and calld att Mr. B——sworth, where Mr. Pritchard came to mee ffrom Rob. Leigh, off Chorley, to make principle incressed by ading the interest to it. Pd 1s. pro wine and 4d. ffor him, and 1d. pro Ned Mally; soe home.

Robert Leigh, of Chorley, a younger son of Thomas Leigh, of Adlington, Esq., married, by licence dated 4th September, 1704, Margaret, daughter of Sir Richard Standish, of Duxbury, Bart. His eldest daughter and coheiress, Ann, married Richard Cross, of Cross Hall.—We here see the deplorable state the Diarist had reduced himself to, in being unable to pay the interest on his mortgages.

March 30.—Mr. Taylr, de Thurnham, dined with us. Alday in and about ye toun. Ridd out pro 2 howrs, thoh in great payne off ye gra—ll. Saw a vast numbr of quakrs come into ye toun, it beeing theyr 8 years meeting. Stayd att Mr. Beardsworth's 8 howrs. Pd 1s., with dito old company, ffor wine, 2d. pro a lettr, & 2d. pro Grastone's alle; soe home.

Lancaster has always been one of the great places for Quakers.

March ultimo.—Almorning att home. Mr. Sheepd, the salte offior, dined with mee. In the eivening ridd with as ffar as Ashton; returned to Mr. Beardsworth's. Spent with old company 1s. in wine. Thence too beed.

April primo.—Gave ye collr 8s. My payne abatd. In ye eivening walked to Mr. B——dworth's. Spent 6d.; soe home.

April 2.—The wethr soe sharp, ffrosty, and cold, ytt I stayd alday in the house till eivening; then went to Mr. B——dsworth. Spent with Hen. Wiswall & old company 1s. 6d. Pd 8d. pro ale for Graystone & ffrank Deys, and gave Frank 1s. 6d. ffor his jorney into ye Feild. Soe home.

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April 8.—For the great preservation & blessing The Mircyfull, Omnipotent, and Glorious God has bestowed upon mee, poor mortall, in this wintr, delivering me from two angry ffitts off ye gout, a ffaur for 5 wickes, and a feueir fit off ye gra—ll ffor 12 or 14 days, may his Glorious & Blessed

Name ever bee sanctiffied by mee, mine, and all who here affter shall reed this, for his blessings has been according to his great love and pitty, above every thing but his greatt mircy. Went to Doct^{r} Harden to X. Returned backe to din^{r}. Gave Ned My: 1s., to gèt my sadle mended. Gave Mrs. 2s., and p^{d} the coll^{r} 5s. Accounted with Dick Kellet. Then to Mr. B——dsworth's. Gave Tom Tally^{r} a bill on Dick Kellet; tuke his recept. Spent 1s. 6d.; soe home.

This was the Diarist's 57th birthday.

Rauffe Nickson Memorad:

April 4.—Went to Thurnham to pray^{rs} and din^{r}. Thence to Kirkland, but severely doused with hall shower. From thence call^{d} att ye Lodge, but Ralfe Nickson would doe mee noe justice. Ben Cornall, Jo^{n} Parkinson, and litle Bamb^{r} by; therffor went to ye White Bull, and very sick with the severity off the weth^{r}, and forced to call for 2 hott potts to comfforth my stomake. Having satte an hour and haffe watting of Mr. Nickson to bring him to doe me justice.

April 5.—In the morning cos. Butler came to meet Seath Jolly, Parkinson, Bamb^{r}, and oth^{rs}, that he might know what ans^{r} R—Nickson gave, and there hee was sett out in his colors. Went to Preston about Lodge business. Treated Mr. Winckly, Bateson, and oth^{rs} about the Lodge busines. Spent att Nelly Jackson's in all 4s. 6d. Mr. Shawe gave mee a bill pro £8 on Jolly. Returned backe to ye White Bull, and satt with Tom Cartmell 2 hours; soe too beed.

April 6.—Went in the morning to ye Lodge, and ffound Ralph Nickson very humble, and in compassion mad a bargen with him for this coming on year. Wee all went to ye White Bull, viz:—Seath Jolly, Ralph Nickson, Dick Gornall, Jo. Parkinson, Litle Bamb^{r}, and I. I treated them with a din^{r} and drink^{e}, wh cost mee 10s. 6d. P^{d} pro horses 2s. 8d., pro meate 1s., pro drinke, ffirst night and day following, 2s. 8d. Gave the maide 6d., and litle Charles Sollome 6d. Tom^{s} Barton and others came in, soe they fforsed mee to stay 6d a piece more. Thence home to Lan^{r}, and rought there beffor nine. Gave Jo. Parkinson 10s. pro worke.

"Litle Charles Sollome" was the son of the innkeeper at the White Bull.

April 7.—Alday in the house, accounted with Ned Heysham, and am £23 9s. 0d. in his debt, but gave him a bill pro £15 on Dick Kellet. Gave Ned

My: 1s. to bye turves. Gave Mrs. 7s. 6d. to bye apples, corkes, and sugr. Pd 1s. pro hopes. Pd Margery Pick part of her wages, 14s. 6d. Soe to beed.

The apples, sugar, and corks, were evidently for making cider.

April 8.—Went to ye Recordr's about Parker's business, and meet and pd Mr. Alderman Westmore an old debt, remaining ffor part of some sea coles, had from him, 6s. 6d. Thence home, and all day in the house.

Thomas Westmore was Mayor of Lancaster in 1708, 1718, and 1727.

April 9.—Left Lanr early. Thence to Lodge, and soe to Preston. Met cos. Butlr, Ned Winckley, Dr. Bateson, and others, about Lodge busines, as also Lawr Starkey. Treated them with diners, ale, and some wine. Spent 6s., and treated, in the eivening, Ned Winkley and Doctr Bateson with coffy, when wee stayd ffor Mr. Shawe coming, 9d. Went with Dor Bateson, Will Grandvill, Tom Worton, and others, to ye White Bull. Spent 1s.; soe too beed.

April 10.—Dind att Dick Jackson's with Ned Winckley and othrs. Pd pro meat and drinke 8s., and 2s. pro horses. Gave ye servantts 1s. Pd Hugh Walker pro garden seeds and plants 5s. Gave him 2s. pro pottetow setts; soe to Whitingham Hall, and thence to ye White Bull.

April 11.—Went to White Hill; stayd alday; gave the boy 6d.; soe back to the White Bull.

April 12.—Went in ye morning a ffox hunting to Sullam, where a great company met, but I left the ground by 7 to meet Mr. B——dsworth, who was gon. Affter dinr went to the Lodge, and stayd till eivening; soe back to ye White Bull.

April 13.—Pd Charles Sollome pro 8 nightts lodging, man, horses, 8s. Gave ye maid 6d., and litle Charles 6d. Dind with Mr. Hornby at Polton. Gave his man 1s. Thence to Whinny heys. Sat there 2 howrs; soe to ffox Hall.

April 14.—Went to Roshall. Dind with the trustys, ye Lord & his lady, Mr. Paull, and Captt Veal. Gave I. Gardiner 1s., and a boy 6d.; soe to ffox Hall.

Rossal Hall was originally a Grange belonging to the Abbey of Dieulacres in the county of Stafford. It was given to that house by King John at the request of the founder, Ranulph de Blundevill, Earl of Chester. At the time of the Reformation,

by virtue of a long lease from the Abbey of Dieulacres, whereof one Allen, his kinsman, was some time abbot, it was held by George Allen, of Brookhouse, in Staffordshire. He was the father of John Allen, who married Jane, sister of Thomas Lister, of Arnold Biggin, in Yorkshire, Esq., and had issue—Richard Allen, Esq., of Rossal Hall; William Allen, the famous cardinal, born in 1532; Gabriel; George, who married Elizabeth, daughter of Will. Westby, of Mowbreck, and had issue a son, John, born 28th May, 1560; Mary, the wife of Thomas Worthington, of Blainscow; Elizabeth, the wife of William Hesketh, of Maynes; and Anne, the wife of George Gillow, of Bryning. The eldest son, Richard, at his decease, left a widow with three daughters—Helen, Catharine, and Mary, who were deprived of their subsistence, the lease, goods, and money, in the year 1583, when Rossall, with the lands belonging to it, was given to Edmund Fleetwood, whose father had purchased the reversion of the lease from Henry VIII. on the dissolution of the monasteries. The Allens were thrown out of possession before the expiration of their lease; £600 of the children's money was seized by order of Edmund Fleetwood, magistrate, and active supporter of the new religion, and confiscated under the pretence that it was intended to be sent over to Rheims for the use of the celebrated Cardinal Allen. There was a kind of trial at Manchester, when the widow and her children endeavoured to recover their right, but the original writings having been carried off when Rossall was plundered, they were compelled not only to desist, but to quit the kingdom, in fear of further persecution. They fled to Rheims, where they were kindly entertained by Dr. Allen, who procured them subsistence from the princely family of Guise.—Paul Fleetwood, younger brother of Edward Fleetwood, of Rossall, married, and had issue, some of whose descendants are still in Kirkham, or the neighbourhood, in poor circumstances. He was buried at Kirkham, 7th May, 1727.

April 15.—Call^{d} att Michells. P^{d} Clarke pro Jo^{n} Roshall's will and invent—ry 1s. 6d. Thence to Garstang, wher wee signed all the deeds and leases needfull, viz., cos. Butler and Bateson. Spent in treating 11s. 8d., and I gave the ostler 2d.; soe to the White Bull.

April 16.—P^{d} att White Bull pro horses, selfe, and man, 8s. 9d., and 1s. to the servants. Thence to Preston. Treated Ned W——ley, Dr. Bateson, at Dick Jackson's, with a dish off carpes, wch cost dressing 1s. 4d. P^{d} pro all, and some wine pro them, as lickwise Mr. Thornton, on the ffixing Lodge business, 8s. 5d.; and in the eivening went with Dr. Bateson, &c., to White Bull. Spent 1s. in two gills off wine; soe too beed. Re^{d} from D: K^{t} £1 10s. 8d.

April 17.—P^{d} pro horses 2s., pro servant's meat and drinke 1s. Gave ye servants 1s.; thence to honest Ben Cardwell's, where I gott my breakffast; thence to Whitle Hills, old Nelly Parke's; spent 6d.; thence to Lodge; and ffrom thence to Natby; so to Lan^{r}, where I ffound kinde soule and Bro^{r} Dalton. They treated, and I gave y^{m} 1s. in nance att parting; soe too beed.

April 18.—Went in ye morning with Mrs. to Aldclife. Found young Dimples there, and young Govr Singleton, who came and dined with mee, as did old cosin Carus. About 4 in the eivening those two brave lads went

homewards, and I went to Mr. Beardsworth's with cos. Carus. Spentt 6d. with him. Then Mr. B——sworth and I went to ye King's Armes business, to Mr. Recordr; sat an howr with him; spent 1s. in wine; soe home.

"Young Dimples" was young Mr. Plessington, of Dimples Hall, near Garstang.

April 19.—In the morning went early to ffox Hall. Sent Ned My by Polton. Gave him 1s. to by nayles. Found John Parkinson and 8 men working in ye garden besides Robt Cardwell. All day and all night there. Pd Clege and Lawrence Bambr 1s. 4d. pro worke, and pd 1d. pro tobaco.

April 20.—Gave Robt. Cardwell 3s. 6d. to pay the workmen and himselfe. Gave Jo. Parkinson 6d. Received from Hen. Walsh, pro 2 mortuarys, 18s. Pd 1s. pro Doctor's mare shooing. Thence to Thurnham; ffound 2 Layborn's there; stayd till eivening; soe home.

April 21.—Alday in the toun. Spent in ye eivening, att Hen. Wayles's, with Bror Dalton, 2 cos Carus—Tom and George, Mr. Simpson, and Ned Reedr. 1d. in small bear. Thence to ye King's Armes, to meet Mr. Recordr and Bror Dalton, but wee had not dranke a pint when Ned Reedr came in, ffoxed, and talked us away. Wee spent 1s. each; soe parted beffor 6 in the eivening. Gave Ned My 10s. of wages, and gave Mrs. 10s. to bye sugr, corkes, hops, &c.

The last item was evidently for home-brewed beer.

April 22.—In the house till eivening. Then went to ye Sun, on invitation ffrom Alexander Walker, who was sworn ffree man, and treated ye Majr, Aldermen, and us, very gentilly. They left him about 10, but Ambs Gillison, Mr. Boraskell, and I, stayd till near 12. Wee spent pints each; soe to beed.

April 23.—Alday in toun. In the eivening went to Bror Dalton, cos Cole, Georg Carus, &c., att Hen. Wayles; spent 2d; thence to Mr. B—dsworth's. Found him unwilling to undr take Parker's busines, butt stayd the spending off 6d. in wine; soe home.

April 24.—Went in the morning to Scale Hall with old Mr. Hornby, to looke att his new stable. Affter dinr Dick Kellett came and went home agane, but Dick Gornall and his wife stayd all night. In the eivening Dick and I went to Margtt ffell's, meet George Carus; I pd 5d. pro one quartt they dranke, and 7d. pro a botle and ye sidr; soe to beed.

April 25.--In the morning went with Nelly, Dick Gornall, and Mrs., to Aldclife. Att my returne home Ned Reeder sent a fellow with a watter doge—Tray's brother. Gave ye ffellow 2s. 6d., and am to give him 2s. 6d. more if I licke the doge. Gave Mrs. 6d. to pay for lettr with. About 5 Dick and Nelly Gornall went home. I went with sistr to Mr. Beardsworth's about Parker's busines, and wee concluded to goe to the Recordr in ye morning. Spent 9d. in wine; soe home.

This was Sunday.

April 26.—Went in ye morning to Recorder's with Sistr and Mr. B——ds, worth. Fixd that mattr; calld at Mr. Beardsworth door; gave him his ffare well to old Sr Dick; thence to Thurnham, and with Brothr Dalton to Natby to dinr; stayd there alday; gave Rob. 1s.; soe to the Whitte Bull all night.

"Old Sir Dick" was the Diarist's cousin, Sir Richard Fleetwood, Bart., of Colwick, who seems to have had something to do with the Parker business in connection with the Diarist's sister.

April 27.—Went to ye Lodge in ye morning. Received from Seath Jolly £4 0s. 0d. Pd Robt Cardwell pro thrashing & othr worke 35s., and gave him 5s. more on accountt. Thence back to White Bull. Pd pro meat ffor Seath Jolly's man, & selfe, with Dick Gornall's meat & drinke, 8s. 9d., and pro horses, 1s. 6d. Gave ye servantts 1s.; and as mounting an angry raine fell, wch keept me all night, and Xophr Shearson and Seath Jolly stayd with mee, as did Dick Gornall as long as he could proter Nelly. Beffor beed time

Seath Jolly's Giffte.

Seath Jolly would give mee his gray mare, and delvr her in ye morning; butt wee concluded that iff Seath dyed within ye year I am to have ye mare, or when he dys, and am to have her put to old Shrosbury and to have that coult, on wch I gave him an exsellent new hatt, and ridd with his home thrugh Garstange, and stayd att Hollings amungst all the tenentts. Pd for them and self 4s.; soe too beed.

April 28.—Pd in the morning pro meate & drinke 1s., pro horses, 4 in nobr, 2s. 4d., and gave the servantts 1s. Thence to Garstange. Pd Ned Mally 10s. Spent 2s. with honest Dick King and Xopr Shearson; soe to the Hollins, where Mr. Walker, Mr. Rigby, & all the tenents were keeping a courtt, and as great looking att Seath's old hatte as iff it had been a rare shewe; but the coult of the gray mare ran in my mind, and I matterd not theyr stayring att ye hatt. Stayd there till 7. Then whent home with Mr. Rigby.

MYERSCOUGH LODGE

FROM THE FRONT

April 29.—Alday in the toun. Gave Mrs. 10s. to pay Mrs. Edmondson, & 1s. to give her maide for Doctr F. Worton's troble of lyeing there. Gave Mrs. lickwise 5s. to by salte with; soe too beed.

April 30.—All morning in the house, gave Mrs. 2s to keep ye house with. Called at Thurnham. Tuke his boy and sent him and the ffox hounds with Jo. Parkinson to Dimples; I went to Natby.

May primo.—Went to Sullum a ffox hunting. Had a ffine chace; but Mr. Smith, of Wedacr, spoyld our sport with his greyhound, wch made us loos the ffox by running him. Prayd at Dimples, and dined att Natby, and there alday.

May 2.—All day att Natby till eivening; there went to see Tom Richardson; butt returned att night.

This was Sunday.

May 3.—Went a hunting to Sullum, and ffound ditto ffox in ye same kenell or within 2 yards. Had a noble chace, but he proved too stout and bette us quit outt, thoh some in our company belives the doges killed him; Ld Peter's Mounton being ill bitten. Spent 6d. at Neppy's, and gave Dalton's boy 1s., and sent the hounds home with him. After dinr wee went to ye Lodge to meet Mr. Brookholls a fishing; but noe net came, soe returned.

May 4.—Went to Lodge a ffishing. Mett 3 Mr. Brockholles. Gott 6 carpes and 8 tenches; one the ffinest has been seen, most whereoff wee tuke to Natby. Dear Jack and Jemmy with us.

The three Mr. Brockholes were Thomas, Roger, and William, the sons of John Brockholes, of Claughton.

May 5.—Went early to see my breeding pond ffixed at Lodge. Returned back to Natby to dinr, where was Dr. Bruce, who told us the news off the Govr off Flandrs being marryd to Josephon's dougr. Gave Ned My 2s. 6d., to get cockin and ye mare shooed by Tim Wilding. In ye eivening wentt to see Tom Richardson; soe to Natby.

On the south-eastern side of Myrescough Lodge there may now be seen an indentation around an elevated clump of trees, &c.; this seems to have been filled with water at some time; and may have formed the breeding pond of the Diarist

May 6.—Gave the servants at Natby 4s.; thence with Jack and Jemmy Laborne to Garstange, where I meet Robtt Bateson and his son, beeing consarne to receive some monys ffrom ye Lodge estate—about 60 pounds. I asked him to have 7 or 8 pounds pd mee by Seath Jolly, who has £200 to receive to pay Bateson and his son, but I

Robert Bateson Memord:

must not have a penny till his son come backe ffrom Lond^{n} ; but honest Dick and Ben stud my ffreind, and as ye old saying is,—a f— for those who s^{d} a f— ffor mee. Att Garstange Dick Gornall and honest Been gave theyr bill pro 8 pound, wch did mee £20 worth off service. P^{d} Ned My 10s.; p^{d} to treat Bateson, his wife, and cubes, 1s. 5d.; p^{d} pro cow tyes and garth web 9d.; treated young Dimples with a botle of ale, and Nelly with a wheat cake, 5d.; then went with Jack, Jemmy Layborne, and Will Hesketh to Betty Wakffeild's; spent 1s. in wine, and gave the Lan^{r} wattes 6d.; soe home.

[†] Garth-web " would be a piece of cloth for a small yard or fishing dam; the word " garth " being applicable to either purpose.—Robert Bateson, Esq., was town's bailiffe of the Walton Corporation in 1712.

May 7.—Gave Mrs. to by hopes 1s., and 85s. to pay Marg^{tt} Fell for sid^{r}. In the eivening I went to Mrs. Beardsworth, and pay^{d} her a bill off. Went to Mr. B——dsworth's; p^{d} Mrs. B——dworth £2 10s. 0d. towards her bill; p^{d} a prison^{r} pro two days worke 8d., and spent 6d. with Gutrich, Hodder, and ye Govr ; soe too beed.

May 8.—When din^{r} was don, went with Mrs. to Thurnham to see Madam Dalton, not well; stay^{d} there till eivening; Mr. Tayl^{r}, Mr. Sheep^{d}, Cuddy Threlfall, and Litle Bryers, there. P^{d} pro candles and ffigs 9d.; soe too beed.

May 9.—Alday in ye house. Doct^{r} Harden pray^{d} and dined with us, as did sist^{r} and ffanny. P^{d} 8d. pro two lett^{rs}.

This was Sunday.

May 10.—Went in the morning to meet Jack and Jemmy Layborne att Crooke Barne, where the Lord of ye Mann^{r} treated us with beufe and sea cabage, 6 crows, and pice off bacon, and sage alle for those who could drinke itt. Gave Rob. Birkett 1s., wife off ye house anoth^{r} ; soe home.

Mr. Dalton was the " Lord of ye Mannr."—" Sage alle " means strong or old ale.

May 11.—Almorning att home. Gave Mrs. to bye salte 2s. 6d. Gave her 10s. to pay Jos. Lawson ffor his turfe boate, and one shilling for her pocket. Thence to Thurnham, but noe boy must goe with ye hounds, tho hee promised mee ye night befor; from thence to Natby with fox hounds, and called att Bowers House, and thence to Sion's Hill, to Charles Sollom's, all night.

May 12.—Went to Solom a fox hunting with severall young Dimples, &c. Found a bitch fox, and ffor an how^{r} ye doges ran her briskley; but as soon

as ye sun appear^d^ they could hunt no ffurth^r^. Came back to Charles Sollom's. Din^d^ there; p^d^ pro drinke and meat pro man, self, and friends, 8s. 9d., and pro horses 2s. Gave ye servantts 1s.; soe to ye Lodge, and thence to Banist^r^ Hall.

May 13.—Alday with dear Ned W: at Banist^r^ Hall. P^d^ Woodcock, the messig^r^, 6d. for goeing to Mr. Tootell, to Grimsr., and gave a lass 1d.

The Very Rev. Christopher Tootell, V.G., was the priest at Fernyhalgh Chapel, or, as it was then more familiarly known, Ladywell, not far from Grimsargh, but in the township of Broughton. In 1686, Fishmonger's Hall, in Lime-street, London, was converted into a chapel, and Mr. Tootell, who had just come from Lisbon College, was appointed one of the chaplains to it. Soon after this he was removed to Fernyhalgh, where his relation, Cuthbert Hesketh, of Whitehill, Esq., had lately built "a house of prayer." In 1699, he was made Dean of Amounderness Hundred, by Bishop Smith, and in 1719, if not sooner, Vicar General of Lancashire, Cheshire, Cumberland, and Westmoreland, by Bishop Witham. Some time after 1708, when the Rev. Edward Melling came from Douay, he was appointed to assist his uncle, Mr. Tootell, at Fernyhalgh, and in 1719 succeeded him as Rural Dean of Amounderness. Mr. Tootell died at Fernyhalgh, 13th November, 1727, and Mr. Melling, 17th April, 1733. "Tradition," says a much revered correspondent, "still speaks with affection of the learning, the labours, the piety, and charity, of Christopher Tootell and Edward Melling, the pastors of Fernyhalgh." Mr. Tootell was much esteemed by Bishop Smith, whom he calls his best friend, and, in his situation of Vicar General, laboured hard to impress those in his Vicariate with the importance of catechetical instructions in conformity with the Bull of Clement XII. on that subject, and the instructions he had received from Bishop Williams, who succeeded Bishop Witham in the northern district. He wrote several works most of the original MSS. of which are still at Fernyhalgh. He was the writer of "The Traditional Account of Our Lady's Well and Chapel at Fernyhalgh," with "A Continuation of the Historical Account of the New Chapel-house in Fernyhalgh" down to the year 1723. His nephew, the Rev. Hugh Tootell, was the author, under the assumed name of Charles Dodd, of Church History, and died 27th February, 1742. This branch of the Tootell family appears to have resided at Durton, near Fernyhalgh, and in Goosnargh, where we find the Rev. Charles Tootell, O.S.F., was born. They appear originally to have come from Healey, near Chorley, where Jane Tootell, a Catholic non-juror in 1716, returned £24 from an estate in the possession of Edward Walmsley. They were connected with many good families in the neighbourhood of Goosnargh.

May 14.—Gave ye servantts att Banist^r^ Hall 8s. Thence to ye Lodge. I lett ye ffish pound call^d^ the trout pond off, and stored the wheatffeild pitt with 77 15 inches carps; putt 19 into the breeding pond, and 2 tench carps. I gave to all the workmen who help^d^ mee each a carp, in numb^r^ 10, and one to Been. Cardwell, wch was ffirst open^d^ to trye the spawen. About halfe past 8, I left ye Lodge, affter wee had supped at ye Scole door, all the ffishermen, Seath Jolly, and I, of eyles, &c., taken out off Brooke. I gave y^m^ 2 dossin of ale. Soe to Lanc^r^.

May 15.—Gave Mrs. 1s. 10d. to pay ffor pottetows, ffish, &c. Dick Kellet din^d^ with us, as did Mr. Will. Aspinall, ye Earl of B———ford's grandson. Alday in the house.

Earl of Bedford's grandson—Aspinall.

May 16.—Went in ye morning to Aldcliffe, and went to X to Dr. Harden. P^d^ 1s. 2d. pro a lett^r^ from doug^r^ Eleanor T. Gave post boy 6d. ffor bringing mee som things ffrom Garstange. Spent 6d. at Mr. Beardsworth's, hee taking phisick. Law^r^ Rigby with him. Stay^d^ 2 how^rs^ at cos. Cole's. Soe home.

This was Sunday.

May 17.—Went with Mrs. to Aldcliffe. Dr. Harden came backe and dined with us, and wee went with him to Halton, and stay^d^ there 3 how^rs^. Soe home.

May 18.—Went in ye morning to Aldclife. Satt an how^r^ with ———; thence home. In ye eivening with Mrs. to see Widdow Anderson. P^d^ pro 2 lett^rs^ 6d.; thence to Mr. Beardsworth, but stay^d^ not; home & too beed.

May 19.—Almorning in ye house. Affter din^r^ Mr. Eclesfeild and young shee cos. Carus came to see us, and satte till eivening. Spent at Mr. B——dsworth's with dito company 6d.; soe home; there beeing in ye same roome Cloyce, p——on Wintt^r^, and an oth^r^ of the Bishop courts officer with Mr. Beardsworth att an other table.

May 20.—Gave Mrs. 6d. to by stufe ffor her tyeth, viz.—1d. pro tuth acke off cream off tarter, one p——worth of bolarmineck, one p——worth of hunny, a proportionable quantity of ye ashes of roosmarria, and a little lump of rook allome, all made up together. Post p^d^ um: went to Josua Lawson's ship. Gave ye workmen 1s.; thence to Mr. B——dsworth's. Clobed 1s. pro ale to carry to ye New cole pitt, and went thither with Mr. Beardsworth, Bros. Gutrick, and Hother, with Mr. Birkett. Gave the colliors 1s.; soe backe to Mr. B——dworth's; satt till past 11 o'clock, one Glest beeing there ffrom Leverpole, the toun Sargent, with an address to the Bishop ffor ye Low party. Spent 6d.; soe home.

May 21.—Gave Ned M^r^ 1s. to bye ffish with. P^d^ Denny, ye taylor, all due to him, viz.—6d., and gave him some worke home with him. Went to see Doct^r^ Harden, new could bath making; gave the workmen 1s.; soe home.

May 22.—Gave Mrs. 2s. 6d. P^d^ William Sturzacr, gardiner, 4s., and gave Ned M^r^ 6d. to bye ale to mix with ebulum. Then went to

Doctr Harden's worke; tuke them both ebulum and sider; ffound Tho. Jenkinson there. Gave Mrs. 25s., viz., a ginny and 8s. 6d. to pay Margery, and some other small debts. After dinr went to Ellall col-pitts, and mett Mr. B——dsworth thero. Came back with him by Quarnmore colpitts;

W: Grayston in ye kid coatt.

soe home. Found Will. Grayton in the kid coat; releasd him. Spent 6d. at King's Armes; thence to Mr. B——dsworth's; spent 1s. in 2 gills of wine; soe to beed.

At the time of the Diarist an attempt was made to get coal in Ellell and Quernmore; but the effort was not attended with much success. A ballad called "The Guager of Garstang," and once a very favourite song in that district was founded upon the exploits of the Exciseman of Garstang in one of the coal pits of Ellel. The Exciseman, according to the song, once proceeded towards Lancaster, got dead drunk on the road, was taken down a pit which was being sunk in Ellel, and on awaking, after he had been some time at the bottom, could see nobody except black-faced people (the colliers), with lights and fires about them, and having been given to understand that he had really got to the Tartarean regions, he was made to confess his sins and pray for deliverance, which came about after the pitmen had nearly frightened the life out of him.

May 23.—Went to Aldcliffe in the morning. Dind att home. In ye eivening went with Bror Penington and Alderman Simpson to Jonathan

Mrs. A. Fletewood.

Cawson's. Spent 1s. in two gills off wine. Soe too beed. Pd 4d. ffor a lettr from Mrs. A. Fletd.

Richard Simpson was Mayor of Lancaster in 1712.—Mrs. A. Fleetwood may have been the widow of Arthur Fleetwood, of Westminster, Esq., father of Henry Fleetwood, of Penwortham, or else one of the family of Colwich, in Staffordshire.

May 24.—Went in the morning with Mr. B——dsworth, Bror Gutrick, and Hother; and Mr. Birkett let him a horse to Ellall cole pitts. Tuke ale, sider, and ebolum, and nath touns with toobaco pro colliors. Stayd there alday, and at my returne in ye eivening went to Mr. B——dsworth's, but could not ffinde bror Penington; spent 6d. with dito company; soe too beed.

May 25.—Alday in the toun, and most in company with Bror Penington. Spent with him and Tom Westmore 8d. in coffy, and with him and Mr. Benison 6d. in wine at Hen. Wayles'; soe to beed.

May 26.—Pd Jack Geave of his bill of £2 3s. 1d. In the eivening wentt to Mr. Beardsworth's. Spent with cos. Jo. Carus, Mr. John Lawson, and dito company, in 2 gills of wine, 1s.; soe home.

May 27.—Went in the morning with Mrs. to Aldclife. Affter dinr Capt. Eclesfield came and satt with cos. Jo. Carus and mee 2

how^{rs}; ffrom thence to Ellall colle pitts; came back with Mr. B——d-worth; spent 6d. with dito company; soe home.

May 28.—Almorning in the house. Post prand: went to see Dr. Harden, and in the eivening went to Mr. B——dsworth's, to meet dito company, who had been as low as Sunderland a fishing, but catch^{d} nothing, except hung^{r} and could. Spent 6d.; soe home.

Sunderland is a village in the township of Overton, seven miles S.W. of Lancaster, situated on the extremity of a tongue of land, which ends in a narrow point in the Irish Sea, where it forms the termination of the estuary of the Lune. It is now a small bathing-place.

May 29.—Almorning in the house till eleven; then went into the market; bought a calve's head, a quart^{r} of lambe, a necke and brest of mutton, of Ned Heysham, and, in the same shop, bought a young fox ffor 2s.; and then about 8, went Mr. B——dsworth, ffirst to ye More colpitts, thence to ye Crage colepitts, and affter some stay there, thence home and too beed.

May 30.—Went with Mrs. to Aldclife, and affter din^{r}, about 3, set out for Preston, about Lodge business; Dr. Bateson delaying his business. Spent att Preston on Ned Winckeley, Mr. Thornton, &c., 1s. 6d., and p^{d} 4d. pro a hud washing; thence with Ned W: to Banister Hall.

This was Sunday.

May 31.—Gave the servantts at Bannist^{r} Hall 8s.; thence to Great Singl-ton; recv^{d} 15s. ffrom Gregson wife pro rent; thence to Skipall, to see Sr Edward Stanley's cockes; spentt 4d. in a botle off ale on younge Tom Tayler, and p^{d} 2s. 6d. pro 6 king crooke noss^{d} duckes; thence to Raw-clife to diner, and affter 3 how^{rs} stay, thence to Lan^{r}.

Skippool was formerly a great place for cock-fighting, and was patronised by most of the gentlemen in the neighbourhood. The cock-pit, which was in a building still standing, was approached from the outside by a flight of stone steps, and had a little more ornamental appearance than the surrounding buildings.—Sir Edward Stanley, Bart., of Bickerstaff, co. Lancaster, son and heir of Sir Thomas Stanley, Bart., who was son and heir of Sir Edward Stanley, created a baronet 26th June, 3 Car. I. (1627), succeded on the death of James, 10th earl of Derby, in 1736, to the earldom. He married, in 1714, Elizabeth, sole daughter and heiress of Robert Hesketh, of Rufford, co. Lancaster, by Elizabeth, daughter of William Spencer, Esq., third son of William, Lord Spencer, of Wormleighton. He had issue James, Lord Stanley, who was father of Edward Smith Stanley, who succeeded his grandfather as 12th Earl of Derby, and was the ancestor of the present earl.

June primo.—Received a lett^{r} per post from Ned Winckley, w^{h} oblig^{d} mee to bring Dr. Harden with mee. Went affter 12, beffor I gott my diner, to

prevale with the Dor to goe, and affter doeing some business att home, and dining, I calld of ye Dr. att 4, and thence to Bannister Hall all night.

June 2.—Gave ye servantts at Br Hall 8s. The Dr wentt to Lowr Hall, and Ned W——kley brought mee to ye boate house; hee to Longton, I to ye Lodge. Callr of Nelly Parke, but shee not att home; spent, tho, with old Lawrence and honest Jemmy 6d., and Jemmy gave mee a pice off rost pige in my man's pockett. Stayd at Lodge 8 hours. Thenceto Will Bell's about cartts. Spent 8d. at Highgate about carts getting pro turffe, and Mr. John and othrs very free. Thence to ye Moss, and by honest Will Lamb's, thrugh the Moss, home to Lanr.

June 3.—Alday in the toune. Affter dinr went to Mr. B——dsworth, where younge Mr. Brookholls was. Hee treatd mee with a quarte of wine; soe home and too beed.

June 4.—Mounted about 8 in the morning. Went to see my turfe goten from the Moss to ye Sand side, 50 cart full. Pd Tho. Dunderle pro his worke 1s. 6d., and two wimen 8d. Spent in the house off drinke and meate pro servantts and cartte leadrs 6s. Pd 5d. pro tobaco pro Ellal Crag colliors, whither I went ffrom Cockerham; thence home and too beed.

June 5.—Alday in toune. Cos. Mary Butler, younge Dick Sh——worth, dined with us. Affter dinr met Bror Penington att Margtt Fell's. Tuke Dick S——worth with mee. Spend 1s. in sidr; thence to Hen. Wayles' to meet cos. Fletcher and Mr. Robinson. Spent 6d. in wine. Thence to Mr. B——sworth with ditto company, Rob. Stickland, and one Barrows, a Combd atturney. Spent 1s.; soe home and too beed.

Thomas Robson, Esq., of Bishop Auckland, married Alice, daughter and co-heiress of Nicholas Tatham, of the Old Hall, of Nether Burrow; the other daughter and co-heiress being the wife of John Fenwick, of Nunriding Hall, Northumberland. He died in 1731, having bequeathed the principal estate in Wrayton, parish of Melling, to Robert Fenwick, of Burrow, Esq. The descendants of the Robson marriage dying young, the entire property ultimately reverted to Mrs. Fenwick.

June 6.—Went in the morning to Aldclife with Mrs., Dor and Mr. Taylr beeing both there; alday remaining in the house; much raine in the eivening. Ned W——ley came. I sent for Jo. Houlden and young Garwood. Sit up till 11. Soe too beed.

This was Sunday.

June 7.—About 10, Ned Wkley, Jo. Holden, and I got breakffast, and Bror Pennington came in, and wee satt smooking till past 12. Then went

with N: W: to Aldclife, and from thence to the Cockes, where hee spent 12d., and I 6d. Thence home; spent 1s., att Mr. Bedworth with ditto company; soe too beed.

June 8.—Almorning in the toune. After dinr went with Bror Pennington to Torishoulme, where Mr. Simpson was sick of ye gout. Stayd there till 8; Charles Cartwright, B's son, with us, halfe insan. Gave the servants 1s. 6d.; soe to ye town. Sate with Sr W. Penington, Bror, and Mr. Recordr, at Sun 2 howrs; soe home; Sr Will treaded.

Torrisholme is two miles N.W. of Lancaster.—Charles Cartwright was the son of Dr. Thomas Cartwright, Bishop of Chester, with whom the Diarist was very friendly. He is repeatedly mentioned in the Bishop's diary as the donor of a "fat buck" or half a one, which was fully appreciated by the worthy bishop.

June 9.—Left Lanr about 11; thence to Skipall, where att a cockin I meet with a deall off gentlemen. Gave Ned My 1s. for his expences; spent 1s., and won 2s. 6d. of Dr. Hesketh's cockes; thence to Polton; spent 4d. with Mr. William Jo. Joncon att his dore; soe to ffox Hall.

June 10.—Gave Joun Mally and Jo. Parkinson 1s. to see ye cock ffeights. Gave Ned Malley 1s. pro subsistance. Dind in the cockpitt with Mr. Clifton and others. Spent in wine 6d., and pro dinr 1s. Gave ye fidler 6d., onn Sickes. Spent in the pitt betwixt battles 6d.; I won near 30s. Gave the ffeeder 1s. Spent affter the play was don, with young Lord, Gabe Hesketh, Hen. Whitingham, Jack Threlfall, Will Leckonby, younge Mr. Hothersall, younge Ince, and others, itt beeing ditto's birthday, 8s. 6d. Pd pro Mar Green and son Threlfall 1s. 6d. Thence to Fox Hall.

"Younge Mr. Hothersall," or John Hothersall, gent., joined the rebels, and was taken prisoner at Preston, 13th November, 1715. He was the son of Thomas Hothersall, Esq., of Hothersall Hall, near Ribchester. He was never married, and in 1736 was living with his sister, Mrs. Leckonby, in Great Eccleston, whose son eventually succeeded to the Hothersall estates. This ancient family was descended from Robertus de Hadreshall, who held two bovates in Hadreshall. His son Warinus de Hudersall was living I. Johannes (1199-1200), and was the father of Thomas de Hedreshall, whose *Inq. post mortem* is dated 41 Hen. III. (1256-7). Robertus de Hudreshall, son of Thomas, had issue a son Thomas de Hodersall, who married 5 Ed. II. (1311-12), Margeria, filia Monsieur Ricardus de Hocton, de Hocton, filius Adae fuit Miles, and in the "Tenent Duci Lancaster" of that year it was found that he held Hodersall "per servicium Vs per annum ad quatuor term." His son, Robertus de Hodreshall, in the survey of 1320-46, held two oxgangs of land in Hodreshall, in socage, on the same terms. Richardus de Hodiersale, son of Robertus, and Emma, his wife, were living 47 Edward III. (1373-4) and from him descended Robert Huddersall, Lord of the Manor of Hothersall, whose *Inq. post mortem* is dated 19th Elizabeth (1576-7), and whose son John married Anne, daughter of John Talbot, of Salesbury, Esq., by his first wife, Ann, daughter of Hugh Sherburn, of Stonyhurst, Esq. His name appears in a list of obstinate Catholic recusants reported in the reign of Queen Elizabeth, and amongst those of whom

the writer says:—"Of all the rest these twelve are mor. opinions of longest obstinacy against Religion, and if by your Lordships' good wisdoms they could be reclaimed, we think the other would as well follow their good example in embracing the Queen's Majesty's most godly proceeding, as they have followed their evil example in 'contemprising' their duty in that behalf. Feb. 9th [or 7th], 1575." He had issue two sons, John and Thomas. The eldest, who was a captain in the Royal army, and was slain at Greenhalgh Castle, near Garstang, in the Civil Wars, married Alice, sister of Sir Thomas Walmesley, of Dunkenhalgh, and had issue two sons, John and Thomas. The latter, who was living at the Visitation of 1664, then aged eighty, married Bridget, daughter of William Haydock, Esq., of Cottam Hall, by Bridget, daughter of Sir Richard Hoghton, of Hoghton Tower, Knight, and had issue—John, of Hothersall Hall, Esq., *obit ante pat.*, of whom hereafter; George, a lieutenant in the Royal army, killed at Liverpool, o. s. p.; William, of Ashton; and Elizabeth, married to her cousin, Cuthbert Haydock, Esq., of Cottam Hall. The eldest son, John, married Margini, or Margery, daughter of James Wall, of Preston, Esq. (by Isabel, daughter of William Travers, of Nateby), who married, second, her husband's cousin, Robert Haydock, Esq., of Cottam, on the 13th February, 1647. The issue of this marriage was—Thomas, of whom hereafter; Anne, married to Lawrence Cottam, of Banister Hey, in Claughton; and Alice, married to John Lathome, of Stanridge, Pool of Sourbye. Thomas Hothersall, Esq., of Hothersall Hall, born in 1643, married 9th January, 1688, Catharine, daughter of Mr. Lancaster, of Chornley, and was buried at Ribchester, 18th January, 1719. His will is dated 2nd January, 1719, and he left issue—John Hothersall, gentleman, who resided at Preston for many years, took an active part in the Rebellion of 1715, and was taken prisoner, but released; Anne, coheir to her brother, who married William Leckonby, Esq., of Great Eccleston and the demesne of Elswick, whose son Richard succeeded to the manor of Hothersall; Isabel; Margery, the wife of Edward Winstanley, of Pemberton; Sarah, and Grace. Hothersall Hall, having become the property of the Leckonbys, was sold by them to the Martins, and, some years since, was purchased by Mr. Openshaw, who has rebuilt the old hall. The arms of the Leckonbys, quartered with those of Hothersall, were formerly over the door, and several inscriptions were cut in the walls.

June 11.—Went in ye morning to Litham; ffound Tom Stanley, Tom Worton, and younge Jack Trafford there; stay^d^ alday; gave Park^r^ 1s., and Will Wambsley 1s.; thence to Fox Hall.

"Tom Stanley" was the son and heir of Richard Stanley, of Great Eccleston, Esq., by Anne, daughter, and eventually coheiress of Thomas Culcheth, of Culcheth, Esq., and consequently was cousin-german of "young Jack Trafford," who was the son and heir of John Trafford, Esq., by Catherine, another daughter of Thomas Culcheth. Jack Trafford died 5 Oct., 1769, leaving an only daughter; the estate went to his brother Humphrey.

June 12.—Call^d^ att Ecleston; spent on Will Leconby, young Mr. Hothersall, and Will Crooke 1s.; thence to Lodge with younge Mr. Hothersall; thence to Natby; gave Jem an ord^r^ pro pad runing; thence to Cockerham, wher Tho. Preston and Lord Haversham's tenentts were rejoicing pro noe decry of ye L^d's^ Tho. Preston treat^d^ mee, and I spent 6d in nance; soe to Lan^r^.

Leckonby House, which adjoined the village of Great Eccleston, was the seat of "Will Leconby." Tradition says that this house once sustained a siege, but few particulars are given, and we can only surmise that it was during the civil wars, somewhere about the year 1643, in which it is propable John Leckonbie and his son Richard took an active part. About the beginning of the 18th century, the house was

replaced by a mansion of more modern design, and this, in 1766, was destroyed by fire, supposed to be the work of an incendiary. The site is now occupied by a farm house, constructed out of what was formerly the coach-house and stables. The house, supported by the stables and offices on the right, and a corresponding wing on the left, with the gates and palisades, which are still standing, in front formed, a quadrangle very similar in appearance to that of Maynes Hall before the alterations. The first of the family, whom we find in connection with Eccleston, is John Leckonbie, who entailed his residence and estate in Great Eccleston and the mansion house and demesne of Elswick on his eldest son and his issue. He was returned as a "free-tennant de Eccleston" 18 Jac. 1. (1621), and was engaged at Chester in the Royal cause in 1643. He married first, Alice, daughter of Thomas Singleton, Esq., of Staining, by Cicely, daughter of William Gerard, of Ince, Esq., and secoud, in 1625, Marie, daughter of Henry Preston, Esq., of Preston, by Isabel, daughter of William Anderton, of Anderton, Esq. By his first wife he had issue—Richard, eldest son and heir, who was engaged in the civil wars, and compounded for his estate in 1644, and was buried at St. Michael's, 9 Mar., 1669. of whose issue hereafter; and George Leckonbie, of Great Eccleston, who married and had issue two sons, John and Stephen. The latter died unmarried, and was buried in the family burial place at St. Michael's, 10th September, 1669. John Leckonby, who is described as of Great Eccleston, gentleman, married Anne, daughter of Will. Hoole, gentleman, of Staynoe, in the parish of Poulton, 17th April, 1682, and had issue, besides others who died young, a son and heir, George Leckonby, born in 1689. We now return to Richard Leckonby, of Great Eccleston and Elswick, Esq., who by his wife, Isabel, had issue —John Leckonby, Esq., of Leckonby House, Great Eccleston, who married Ann, daughter of William Thompson, gent., of Little Eccleston, great-grandson of Sir Henry Thompson, Knt., of Esholt, in Yorkshire, and died *s. p.*; Richard, of Elswick, Esq., who succeeded his brother to Leckonby House; George; William, of Elswick, gent., who by his wife Jenet had issue Richard, born 20th November, 1679, Isabel, born 12th August, 1669; Sarah, born 15th Oct., 1676; Martha, who married Thomas Lucas, gent., of Barniker, 30th April, 1695; and Mary, married 16th Feb., 1685, to Gilbert Whiteside, of Marton, gent. The second son, Richard, by his wife, Ann, daughter of William Hesketh, Esq., of Maynes, by Perpetua, daughter of Thomas Westby, of Mowbreck, Esq., had issue—William Leckonby, Esq., the friend of the Diarist, whose will bears date 20th Feb., 1728, being buried at St. Michael's four days later; Richard, born in 1696, who entered the Noviciate of the Society of Jesus at the age of 21, and died after a long missionary life at Croston, 8th May, 1771; and Thomas, who was admitted into the same order in 1721, and died on the Maryland Mission, 16th Dec., 1784. "Will Leconby," by his wife Ann, daughter of Thomas Hothersall, of Hothersall Hall, Esq., and sister and coheiress of John Hothersall, gent., had issue—Richard Leckonby, Esq., who inherited his father's estates in Great Eccleston, Elswick, Greenall-with-Thistleton, Larbreck, &c., besides the manor of Hothersall, which consisted of the hall, demesne lands, and eleven farms, in the parish of Ribchester, and further, *in jure uxore*, he became possessed of the demesne of Catshaw, Lower Wyresdale, Livesey Hall, in Sutton, Luddocks, Hale, the demesne of Stockenbridge, &c.; Thomas, born 15th Oct., 1717, admitted into the Order of Jesus 1736, professed 2nd Feb., 1754, and died 8th May, 1775: William, of Elswick, gent., died 24th Jan., 1784; Anne, born 30th Nov., 1706, unmarried; Bridget; and Mary, wife of Thomas Singleton, gent., of Barniker-with-Bonds. Richard, the eldest son, married Mary, daughter of Will. Hathornthwaite, of Catshaw, gent., by Ellen, daughter and heiress of Richard Blackburn, gent., of Stockenbridge. She eventually succeeded to the Hathornthwaite and Blackburn family estates, on the death of her brother, John Hathornthwaite, gent., and died 2nd Sept., 1760. Mr. Leckonby survived his wife, and was buried at St. Michael's, 7th Dec., 1783, having through dissipation, brought on by domestic grievances, impoverished his family and ruined his estate. His eldest son was killed, while quite a child, in riding towards St. Michael's, and his son William was killed while hunting in Wyresdale, 11th August, 1782. The latter married Elizabeth, daughter of James Taylor, of Goosnargh, whose grandfather, John, had purchased lands there in 1710, and had issue—Richard, born in 1779, and died in 1795; James, who died an infant; and Mary, sole surviving child and heiress, who was born 15th May, 1777, and married, in 1799,

Thomas-Henry-Hale-Phipps, of Leighton House, Wiltshire, Esq., J.P. and D.L., High Sheriff of that county in 1804, and chairman of the Wiltshire quarter sessions at Warminster.

June 13.—Went to Aldcliffe, and in the eivening to Mr. Beardsworth's. Gave the ditto company one bottle off wine ffrom my winings; soe home.

This was Sunday.

June 14.—Alday in my room very bad with a swell[d] ffing[r]. P[d] pro a pinte off wine 1s.

June 15.—In great payne and applyed drawing salve to break it; ffound payne of y[e] gout in severall joynts. P[d] pro a pint of wine 1s.

June 16.—I paines alover, and my ffing[r] soe bad y[tt] I apply[d] pultossees. P[d] pro strawburis 6d. and pro sug[r] and candells 1s.; soe to beed.

June 17.—In great payne; seazed in my joynts with y[e] gout. P[d] 1s. pro wine, and in the eivening my ffing[r] burst, but still in much payne.

June 18.—My fing[r] eassior but in much payne off y[e] gout. P[d] 1s. pro wine.

June 19.—My paine abatted. P[d] pro fish 1s., and pro carretts and peys 8d.; and in y[e] eivening wentt to y[e] Green Eyer; mett Bro[r] Pennington; went with him and Tom Westmore to the Sun; spent 1s. in 2 halfe pints of wine; treated them with crab ffishes; soe home.

June 20.—In the morning to Aldclife, and about 8 met Bro[r] P——ton, att Marg[tt] Fell's. I tuke John Holden with mee. Spentt 6d. each; soe to the Record[r's]. P[d] 6d. pro 2 lett[rs]. Thence Bro[r] P——ton, ttom Westmore, and I, went to Hen. Wayles'; meet Tom Benison and Jo. Holden, and stay[d] till 11; spent 1s. in 2 gills off wine; soe home.

June 21.—Went affter din[r] to Siggezer, to see Doct[r] Tho. Strickland; ffound Rob. there; stay[d] ålnight.

Thomas Strickland, Bishop of Namur, was the fourth son of Sir Thomas Strickland, of Sizergh, knight, by his second wife, Winefrid, daughter and heiress of Sir Charles Trentham, of Rochester, co. Stafford, knight. He was sent as ambassador to England by the Emperor Charles VI. He died at Namur, in the year 1743, and was buried in his own Cathedral. There is a portrait of him at Sizergh, by Rigaut, as also of his father, and brother Roger, the latter of whom was a page to the Prince of Condé, when he went from France to be elected King of Poland. Sizergh Hall has been for many centuries the property and residence of the Stricklands. At what time they first came here is not exactly known; they were originally from Great Strickland, in the parish of Moreland. The hall fronts the east, and is singularly irregular and picturesque in its general outline; the whole being a collection of parts belonging to various eras. Its venerable towers lend a peculiarly impressive appearance to the hall. The two southern ones, by far the oldest parts of the building, are embattled, and are of

amazing strength. The smaller tower rises considerably above the other, and in the upper part there is a guard-chamber capable of containing a dozen men. Behind is a large square courtyard, one hundred and eighty feet from side to side, and enclosed on three sides by the back buildings of the mansion. In front a double flight of steps leads from the garden-terrace to a second terrace, leading direct into the hall—a large room fifty feet in length. There is scarcely a room of any importance in the hall that is not decorated with a rich chimney piece and other carvings, all of great merit, and some of them of rare beauty and originality.—*Baronial Halls.*

June 22.—After din^{r} left Siggezer; gave 8 servants 8s.; soe to Levens, where old trusty Beaumontt and Bro^{r} Pearson treated me kindly. I tuke them to Milthrope, and treated y^{m} with sid^{r} punch. P^{d} 4s. 6d., and gave Beaumont's man 1s.; soe home.

Levens Hall, five miles south of Kendal, is a venerable mansion, in the old English style, buried among lofty trees. The park, through which the river Kent winds betwixt bold and beautifully-wooded banks, is separated by the turnpike road from the house. The gardens, however, form the greatest attraction, being planned after the old French style, by Mr. Beaumont, gardener to King James II. (the same referred to in the Diary), by whom it is said the gardens at Hampton Court were laid out. His portrait, with great propriety, is preserved in the hall. It was once the property of the Billinghams, an ancient Westmorland family, from whom it was purchased by Colonel James Grahme, Keeper of the Privy Purse of King James II., and brother of Grahme of Netherby, first Viscount Preston. He married a Howard, and had issue a daughter, Catharine, who married, 5th March, 1709, her cousin, Henry-Bowes, 11th Earl of Suffolk, and 4th Earl of Berkshire, thus bringing Levens into the Howard family.—Milnthorpe, sometimes written Milthorpe, is a market town, and, with Heversham, forms one township, in the parish of Heversham and ward of Kendal, being 8 miles south of that town, and 14 miles north of Lancaster.

June 23.—Went from Lan^{r} early to the Lodge. Call^{d} att Natby. All the day very bussy.

June 24.—Went in the morning to Mr. Nation. Got my breakfast with Will Leconby. Thence to ye cocking, at Skipall; but noe sport worth our paynes. Gave Ned M——y 1s.; spent 1s. 8d., and lost one shilling; soe backe to the Lodge.

June 25.—Alday very bussy in slurching my pond. P^{d} pro workmen pro tobaco 5d.

"Slurching" no doubt refers to sludging with soft clayey or mirey earth.

June 26.—Went in the morning to Preston. Spent with Ned Winkley, and son Threlfall, and others, 1s. 5d. P^{d} 1s, pro a neck of mutton and calve's head. P^{d} pro Ned Mally 6d., and 1s. pro 2 sillibubs pro Ned W: and Mr. Parkinson; soe to ye Lodge.

A sillibub is a potable liquor, made by milking a cow into cider, sugar, spice, &c.

June 27.—Went to Dimples. Met Jem. Layborne there, and wee tuke Don Gant with us to Natby; stay^{d} alday; gave Rob. 6d.; soe to Lodge.

This was Sunday; the Rev. James Gant would say Mass in the domestic chapel at Dimples Hall.

ORIGINAL FRONT ENTRANCE TO MYERSCOUGH LODGE

June 28.—Alday att Lodge, very bussy in my pond and buildings. Pd 5d. pro tobaco.

June 29.—Went to Natby to p——yrs; to Garstang to dinr. with son, Threlfall, Bateson, and Will Hornby; spent 1s.; gave Ned M——y 1s.; pd 5d. pro an irning bag skin; spent 2d. in brandy with Ben Cardwell; and soe to Rauclife March. Lost 6d., but spent nothing. Soe home to ye Lodge. Gave Jo. M——y 6 shillings to exchange a cross pan with.

The expression "Irning" is obsolete, and is now supplied by the word "Rennet." The irning or rennet bag skin, therefore, will mean the prepared inner membrane of a calf's stomach, which has the property of coagulating the albumen of milk and converting it into curd or whey. It is also called in Lancashire "steep," and in Westmorland "kealop."

June 30.—Went in the morning to Barton Parke with Ben Cardwell, Will Walles, younge Charles, and othrs. Bought pro chappell near 4s. worth of wood. Calld att the White Bull; spent 6d. with Tom Cartmell, John Rob——son, and Richd Bigbrown. The latter went with mee to ye Lodge. Gave Ned M——y to bye tobaco and candles 1s.

X William Wall, or *Walls* as the name is frequently written, was the son and heir of Nicholas Wall, of Preston and Shyngle or Singleton Hall. He married, in 1714, Mary, sister of William Parkinson, of Preston, gentleman, whose daughter married Dr. Bushell, the founder of Goosnargh Hospital. Mr. Wall died on the 1st April, 1737, aged 55 years. The family was descended from Evan Wall, of Burscough, gentleman, whose son and namesake settled at Preston, and was the ancestor of William Wall, gentleman, who married Ann, daughter and heiress of John Singleton, of Shingleton Hall, Esq., and had issue a son Anthony, of Preston, and of Shingle or Gingle Hall *in jure matris*. His son William, who married Johanna, daughter of Ralph Eaves, of Fishwick, was the great grandfather of the gentleman named in the Diary. William Wall, by his wife Mary Parkinson, had issue six children, of whom Nicholas was the eldest son. He was a barrister, and married Elizabeth, relict of Mr. Sterne, first cousin of the author, and only child of William Wiglesworth. She was buried at Preston in 1782. The issue of this marriage was two daughters and coheiresses, Ann and Mary. The former married, in 1777, Joshua Marriott, Esq., of Rusholme, who *in jure uxoris* became possessed of Gingle Hall and estate.—The wood purchased by the Diarist was for his own domestic chapel, which was situated in the upper portion of the Lodge barn, and approached by steps (like most Catholic chapels at that period) from the outside.

July primo.—Alday bussy in my pond. Sent ffor tobaco and ale pro workmen, 1s. 5d. Dick Shuttlesworth and Dick Kellet dined with mee. Gave Robt Cardwell wife 2s. 6d. to bye salt, etc.

July 2.—Alday bussy in ffinishing my trout pound. Sent ffor ale and tobaco 1s. 6d., and, as wee had ffinished, it began to rane, wh made mee stay alnight at Lodge.

July 8.—Gott home about ten, to Lanr. and went streight to Jack and Jem Layborne, att Sr Simon's; stayd with them till 4; spent 1s. 8d.; soe home.

X Joanna, dr of Thos & Ellen Jackson of Cottam. b 1752 mar 1775 Geo. Wall. They went afterwards to Kidderminster

July 4.—Doctr Harden dind with us. Went to X, and in the eivening went to Skall with Bamber to see that ffine stable, and from thence to Mr. Beardsworth's. Spent 6d.; soe home, very sick with the change off my wastcoate. Gave Bamber 2s. 6d. to by shoot, and Will, post, 6d.

The fine stable at Scale was Mr. Hornby's

July 5.—Alday in the toun. Pd Ps W., shoomaker, £1 15s. 0d. off a bill, and gave Mrs. £2 7s. 0d. to pay odd debts, and recounted and set streight with Robrt Armstronge. In ye eivening went to see Dr Harden, att Aldlife, and in my retnrne stayd at Mr. Beardsworth; dito company, till almost 12, but only drank 2 gills off wine all that time.

July 6.—Went with young Dick Sutlesworth to ye Recordr's on his busines. At diner George Carus came to mee about ye cocke match propossd to Doctr Hesketh. Pd Robt Walker pro part off his horse £2 0s. 0d., and accounted with Mrs. T, and I ffind shee has pd out off ye £4 0s. 0d. leffte her, £2 8s. 0d.; soe to ye Lodge.

July 7.—Very bussy att ye Lodge. Doctr Hesketh, dear Ned W——kley, and Mr. Prescot, came to see mee, as did Dick Shutlesworth. Treated them well. Sentt Dick Gornall into Wirsdale to ye slate delfe, and, about 8, I went a duk hunting with the 8 gentlemen. Tuke 8 younge ducks and a cutt. Thence to Parson Bussell's, where wee met Mr. Whitingham. Parson made much off us ffor 2 howrs They to Preston; I to ye Lodge. Gave Doc'rs boy 6d., and lent Ned W; 6d.

Geoffrey Prescott, Esq., of Preston, was poet laureate to the Walton Corporation in 1714.—"Parson Bussell," or the Rev. William Bushell, was the curate of Goosnargh and rector of Heysham. He was born 5th March, 1661, at Spoute House, Euxton, and was buried at Goosnargh 30th Ap., 1735. He was the father of William Bushell, M.B., the founder of Goosnargh Hospital, who was born about 1690, died 7th June, 1735, and was buried at Goosnargh. Dr. Bushell (as he is generally styled) married, first, Elizabeth, daughter and co-heiress of William Parkinson, of Preston, gentleman, 10 February, 1725-6, and she dying in 1727, he married second, Mary, only daughter, of Thomas Molyneux, of Preston, Esq., a younger son of Sir John Molyneux, Bart., of Teversal, by Lucy, daughter of Alexander Rigby, of Middleton. An only daughter, Elizabeth, the issue of the first marriage, was born in 1727, and died 7th July, 1745, when, in accordance with the will of her father, the estates were devoted to the founding of Goosnargh Hospital. Colonel Fishwick, in his History of Goosnargh, tells us that the Bushells were not of that township, but had for several generations lived at Cuerden, in the parish of Leyland, and were in all probability descended from Warin Bussell, first Baron of Penwortham, who was living in the time of the Conqueror, and held lands in that neighbourhood. Thomas Bushell, of Kuerden, had issue Edward, who, by his wife Joanna, had issue Adam, Thomas, Alice, and Elizabeth. The first married Alice, daughter of John Loggan, of Garstang, and dying about 1627, left issue a son, Seth Bushell, D.D., born 1621, vicar of Preston and Lancaster, and died 8 November, 1684. He was thrice married, first to Mary, daughter of Mr. Roger Farrington, of Leyland, and she dying, *s.p.*, he married,

second, Mary, daughter of Mr. William Stansfield, of Euxton, 23 July, 1657, by whom he had issue as hereafter; and third, Elizabeth, a widow, who was buried at Preston, 16 July, 1697. The issue of the second marriage was—Clemence, born at Euxton in 1658, who married Richard Crombocke, 17 October, 1682; Adam, born 1660, and buried at Preston 15 June, 1696, leaving a son, Seth Bushell, living in 1722–35, who was buried at Goosnargh, 8 January, 1754; William, curate of Goosnargh and rector of Heysham, of whose descendants we have already spoken; Alice, born 1664, and living in 1684; Mary, born 1666, who married Mr. Taylor; Seth, living in 1682; and Samuel, living in 1682.—By a "cutt," the Diarist means a coot or moor hen.

July 8.—In the morning wentt early towards Mr. Cawthorn's; mett Mr. Alex^{dr} Walker, who promissed mee his kinde assistance as to procuring carts pro slate; got my breakffast with Mr. Cawthorne; hee went with mee to ye slate delfe, and att ye bord side I made a bargen with Jarvis Jackson pro slate; p^{d} him 10s. in hand, and spent on Graston 1s. 6d.; soe to Garstange. Spent at Charles Solom's 1s. Dr. Bateson came by, very drunke, and hee and youn nip-hard gave ffowle words, but without danger off blowes.

July 9.—Alday very bussy with my workmen att Lodge; ffrank Mally and Dick Shutlesworth dined with mee, and Dick kept mee company all affter non.

July 10.—Received ffrom Seath Jolly off halfe joyst, £4 0s. 0s.; leffte Lodge att 6; call^{d} of Rob^{tt} Walker; p^{d} his good wiffe 20s.; wh^{c} made up the sume due ffor ye bay gelding; call^{d} att Ashton, where Mr. Walker treated mee kindly; I p^{d} him 8s. ffor a gallon of brandy; p^{d} Jo. Ball a bill of £6 10s. 0d. per Mr. Cort's ord^{r}, who treat^{d} mee with a pinte of wine, att Mr. Beardsworth's; soe home.

July 11.—Went to Aldcliffe. Tom Pickup cam out of the ffeild and din^{d} with mee. In the eivening I made a vissit to Mr. Craven, Mr. Backhouse broth^{r}. Thence to Mr. B——dsworth; spent with dito company and Rover 6d.; soe home. P^{d} Mr. Bentley 8s. for a gallon of brandy hee procured mee longe since; soe too beed.

This was Sunday.—Mr. Craven, of Lancaster, previously of Barbadoes, erected Melling Hall, in the parish of Melling, two miles from Hornby. It was afterwards sold to Mr. William Gillison, of Lancaster, merchant, at whose death, in 1783, it passed to the Bells.

July 12.—Went to ye ship. Gave y^{em} 12 of ale in ord^{r} to oblidge Jos—a Lawson to bee kinde to litle Dick Shutlesworth. P^{d} Jo. Smught 6d. ffor making brass kniting needles; p^{d} Ralph Farebroth pro a pan tining, a new clos stole pan, and spoons £0 6s. 6d.; p^{d} at Mr. Hull's shop pro sug^{r} and corkes 8s.; soe home and too beed.

July 13.—Pd Mr. Walbank pro sugr 10s. Gave ye Mrs. pro usse 5s. Left Lanr att a-leven; went through Quarnmore and Nether Wirsdale about a slatler and slate; thence to White Bull about a refferance betwixt Tom Edsforth, Will. Hornby, and mee—Tom Cartmell pro ym, Dick Gornall pro mee. Spent 1s. 6d.; soe to the Lodge.

July 14.—Almorning at Lodge. Went in the eivening to see nigbr Greenhough; stayd 2 howers; soe home.

Myerscough Hall was the seat of William Greenhalgh, Esq., who was High Sheriff of Lancashire in 1729. In speaking of Greenhalgh-with-Thistleton, Baines says:—"The former village gave name to the family of Greenhalgh, of Brandlesome, and the manorial rights are now vested in the representatives of the late James Greenhalgh, of Myerscough Hall, Esq." He rebuilt the Hall, and had issue a daughter and only child, Mary Charlotte, who married at Churchtown, 4 Oct., 1831, H. Hall-Joy, of Hartham Park, Wilts, Esq.

July 15.—Went early to Preston, to meet Ned Winckley, about Tom—as Miller's business. Spent 6d.; soe back to Lodge.

July 16.—Sent Dick Gornall, Ned Mally, and Bamber pro wife and children. Gave Ned M—y 8s. pro Mrs. Alday, at Lodge.

July 17.—Alday at Lodge. Pd 5d. to Dick Mally ffor getting black cherrys; pd 2s. pro a wisket ffull of mugs bought of Kirk Ussall, ye cratman. Great Dick and small Dick to see mee, and told mee a swinging lye of the Sh—ley De St. George.

July 18.—Son Threlfall calld off mee, and I went with him to Rawclife. Stayd alday, and soe home.

July 19.—Gave Robt Cardwell 2s. 6d. to buy meat and mugs at Garstange. Alday bussy with my workmen.

July 20.—Went with Mrs. to diner to Kirkland. Thence with cos. Tho. Butler to Rauclif manch. Lost 8d., spent 5d., and pd 6d., for 8 kniting needles to young Etherington. Soe to ye Lodge.

"Cos. Tho. Butler" must have been the fourth son of Richard Butler, of Rawcliffe, and younger brother of Henry Butler, Esq.

July 21.—Went early witth Mrs. to ffox Hall. Dind att Tom Pickup's, but Dick Kellett pd all, on a new bargen for Carlton. I went to Whinnyheys and Bispham on Sara Roskeall account, and soe alnight with Mrs. to Roshall.

July 22.—Alday till eivening at Roshall. Then went to Cleveleys,

sign^{d} Articles with Dick and Adam Kellett pro Carlton 66 pounds and a windle of wheat yearly ; Mr. Chew atturney. Spent 6d.; soe to Rosshall.

Cleveleys is situated on the coast between Rossall and Bispham.

July 23.—Gave the servants 5s., viz : 2 mayds 3s., and 2 men 2s. Thence to ye Majnes. I stay^{d} 3 hours. Call^{d} at cos. Leconby's. Spent 1d. at Martha Welsh's ; soe to Lodge.

July 24.—Gave Ned M—y 2s. to bye meat with. Very busy with my workmen alday.

July 25.—Went with Mrs. and lasses to Antony Lund's. Mr. Rog^{r} Brookhall din^{d} with us. Went to Natby, Dick Gornall with mee, Saw cos. Gerard and his wife there.

This was Sunday.

July 26.—Alday att home. Young Mr. Brookhall call^{d} off me. Gave John M——y 1s. 6d. to bye spice at Polton with. In ye eivening cos, Butler, off Kirkland, and Jo., ye joyner, came & sate 2 how^{rs} with me.

July 27.—Younge Mr. Brookholles din^{d} with mee, as did Charles Sollom & his wiffe. Went with Mr. Bo——holls to Rauclife March, by John Tomson, of the Hole; so backe to see his ortchard and plantation. Lost two shillings at Rauclif Marsh ; spent 5d, ; soe backe to Lodge.

John Thompson, of Out Rawcliffe, married Elizabeth, daughter of William Swartbreck, of The Wall, in Little Eccleston, gentleman, and sister and coheiress of John Swartbreck, of the same place, gentleman.—Sir Henry Thompson, Knight, to whom the Cistercian Nunnery of Esholt (founded Anno. 1172) was granted, temp. 1 Edward VI., was buried at Colne, in Lancashire, about 1580, leaving issue, by his wife Hellen, daughter of John Townley, Esq., of Barnside (formerly Bernesete), a son, William Thompson, Esq., who married Dorothy, daughter of Christopher Anderton, of Lostock, Esq. They had issue two sons, Christopher, of Esholt, Esq., and Henry, of Preston, Esq., of whose descendants we shall speak hereafter. Christopher, the elder son, had issue Henry Thompson, Esq., whose daughter and heiress, Frances, conveyed Esholt in marriage to Walter Calverley, of Calverley, Esq., about the year 1667. Henry Thompson, of Preston, had three sons living at the time of the Preston Guild, in 1642, namely—Thomas, James, and Robert. It is conjectured that of this branch of the family were William Thompson, of Little Eccleston, gentleman, and Nicholas Thompson, a missionary priest, who suffered for his religion at Lancaster, *temp.* Elizabeth. William, who was returned as a free-tenant in 1621, had issue—Henry Thompson, of Thistleton, gentleman, living in 1621; John, likewise of Thistleton, gentleman, in 1621; and Anne, the wife of John Leckonbie, Esq., of Great Eccleston. Henry, the elder, married and had issue—William, of Out Rawcliffe; Nicholas, of Larbreck, who had issue a son Henry; John, of Out Rawcliffe, the one referred to in the Diary; and another son, of Elswick, who married another daughter and coheiress of William Swartbreck, of The Wall, gentleman, who married second, Robert Smith, of Larbreck and Elswick, the ancestor of the Rev. Robert Smith, D.D., Vice-Rector of the English College, Rome.

July 28.—Alday busy at Lodge with my workmen.

July 29.—Went to Garstange. Pd att King's for sugr & spice, 2s. 7d. Dind with Sany Walker. Pd 6d., and gave him a bottle of wine for his ffarewell, hee beeing for London, 2s. Thence to Robt Majson's. Treated Ben Cardwell & 5 or 6 honest lads about bringing my slate home. Mr. Ben Cardwell. High Constable Sharples, honest Corles, and others, and honest Ben C——well, drank a whole pint of to ye sucksees of Lodge. Memorand: Spent 2s. 8d.

July 30.—A fishing in Calder with young Mr. Brookhalls and his two brothrs. We eate our ffish at Jo. Stirzacr's with Six, Simion Jenkinson, Dick Gornall, young Graystone, and others. I pd pro Sickes 6d., 1s. pro Graystone, and 1s. 6d. pro mee—ipso. Soe to ye Lodge.

July 31.—Went with Mrs. & whelps to Banister. Gave her 1s. ther to by a straw hatte.

August primo.—Went to Mr. Nevell in the morning, & affter diner to Lowr Hall with Mrs. I mett there Captt Nowell and Lady. Gave the grome 1s.; soe to Banister Hall.

This was Sunday.

August 2.—After dinr went with Ned Winckley to ye Allome worke. Met cos. Nowell, who tuke us up to his house calld Woodcocke Hill; treated us very kindly; I gave his man 1s.; soe to Banister Hall.

Alexander Nowell, was the younger son of Alexander Nowell, of Read, Esq., and married 12th December, 1706, Mary, daughter of Richard Assheton, Esq., of Cuerdale, by whom he had a large family. His great grandmother was a Fleetwood, of Colwich, hence the relationship to the Diarist.

August 3.—Gave Mrs. 4s. pro majdes, and one shilling pro Nag and Win. Gave ye grome 1s.; thence to Cos. Gerard's, of Highton, where wee were kindly treated. Gave ye majde 1s., and the man 1s.; thence to Lodge.

August 4.—Went about 12 to meet Ned Winckley, younge Lord, Gabr Hesketh, Hen. Whittingham, and Esqre Hadocke, who brought the news that Queen A: dyed, Sunday morning betwixt 7 and 8. Wee spent 2s. each, beeing invitted to a pige feast. Soe to Lodge.

Squire Haydock's news was correct: Queen Anne died on Sunday, August 1st, 1714, and her decease seems to have been the occasion of a feast amongst sundry Jacobins, including the Diarist. William Haydock, Esq., of Cottam Hall, was the representative of one of the oldest families in Lancashire. He resided a good deal in Oxfordshire, and was never married; but through his religion, and loyalty to the family of Stuart, he so encumbered his estate that by will dated 25th May, 1713 (proved 22nd May, 1717), he devised all his lordship or manor of Cottam, and lands and tenements in Ingoll, Preston, Ashton-juxta-Preston, French Lea, Woodplumpton, Freckleton, and elsewhere, in the county of Lancaster, in trust to be disposed of after his decease.

His executors were Richard Stanley, Esq., of Preston, his cousin George Haydock, and Geoffery Prescott, of Preston, gentleman. He left legacies to his three brothers, Gilbert, Cuthbert, and Hugh; to his stepmother Haydock, his aunt Anne Haighton, his servant James Leach, his godson Gilbert Haydock, son of George Haydock, and his aunt Jennet Cottam; to Lawrence Johnson, of Lea, yeoman; to all his cousins german by his father's and mother's side; and to Thomas Miller he bequeathed a messuage and tenement in Cottam, and one close of land in Ingoll. The Hall was constructed purely of timber, and stood, surrounded by a moat, in a handsome park studded with fine trees. The place is now owned by W. A. Cross, Esq., of Red Scar, but the Hall has been replaced by a farm-house. The Tagg, formerly the dower-house, adjoining the Hall, was retained by the family: it was the property and a residence of the Rev. George Leo Haydock up to the time of his death in 1849. The family of Haydock, originally descended from Hugo de Eydoc, or *Haidoc*, de Haidoc, in the parish of Winwick, appears to have held Cottam, and some parts of Ashton, from the earliest times. Baines, in his Lancashire, tells us that Cottam gave name to an ancient family, of whom Geoffry de Cottom, in a deed without date, acknowledges himself to hold some land here of H. de Hydok, by an annual rent of 15d. and half a pound of cumins:—"Rank smelling rue and *cumin*, good for eyes."—*Spenser*. In the survey of 1320-46, wapentake of Amounderness, Edmund de Haydocke held, in Ashton, part of one carve of land, in socage, paying yearly two shillings and sixpence at the four terms. The Haydocks of Haydock became extinct in the male line with the marriage of Johanna, daughter and heiress of Sir Gilbert de Haydock, of Haydock, with Sir Peter Legh, of Lyme, on which the manors of Haydock and Bradley, Bruch Hall, and the manor house of Poulton-with-Fearnhead, and other lands, passed to the Legh family. She married, secondly, Sir Richard Molyneux, of Sefton, knight, ancestor of the Earls of Sefton. The following pedigree is collected from the Herald's visitations and authentic public and private documents:—Gilbert Haydock, Lord of the Manor of Cottam, 10 Hen. V (1422), married Isabell, daughter of William de Hoghton, of Hoghton and Lea. They were married by dispensation, being related in the fourth degree, issued from Rome, 16th February, 5th Martin V. On the 10th July, 1466, a commission was granted to Robert, Abbot of Cockersand, to veil Elizabeth, widow of Gilbert Haydock, gentleman, parish of Preston. In the 33rd Hen. VI (1455), Richard Haydock, son and heir of Gilbert, married Elenor, daughter of Sir William Ashton, of Croston, knight. In the *Cal. Inq. post mortem* we find, 16th Hen. VIII (1524), Elleonora quæ fuit uxor Rici Haydoke—Ingall, Asshton, Cottom—messuag' et terr'—Lancastr'. Their son, William Haydock, Esq., married Joan, daughter of William Heton, 20th Ed. IV (1481), and had issue—Gilbert, who married Alice, daughter of Robert Clifton, of Westby, Esq., 16th Hen. VII (1501), by whom he had William, eldest son and heir, of whom hereafter; Edmund; Henry; Ellen, married to Osbaldestone, of Osbaldestone; and Richard Haydocke, gentleman, who, by will dated 1566, leaves to Alice, his wife, his lease of the tithe, corn, and grain of Warton, with legacies to his "baster" son, William Haydocke, his sister, "Ellen Osboston," his cousins, Hellen and George Rogerlye, his godson, Richard Rogerlye, to his brothers, Henry and Edmund Haydocke, his cloake and his "curtall nagg" respectively, to his cousin, William Clifton, four silver spoons, to Henry Arkwright, an "inlambe" shepe, and to his cousin, Ewan Haydocke, a "Sayncte Ihons heide." "Ales Hadocke, widow, of the paryshe of Lancaster, late wyff of Richard Hadocke, gentylman," by will dated 7th October, 1562, desires "to be buryed in the paryshe of Broghton, nygh unto my husbande, Edward, Bryan, and Robert, my sons;" to "Ellen Wudds, my brother doghter," she leaves "foure ewes;" to Master Evan Hadocke, xxxvjs, &c. We now return to William Haydock, eldest son and heir of Gilbert, who married Frances, daughter of William Browne, of Ribbleton, Esq., by Elizabeth, daughter and heiress of John Ethelston, of Ribbleton, Esq., and had issue a son, Evan Win Haydock, commonly called Vivian Haydock, Lord of the Manor of Cottam, born about the year 1533. It is stated in *Dodd's Ch. Hist.* that he married a near relative of Cardinal Allen, and in 1573, twenty years after the death of his wife, went to Douay, along with his two sons, Richard and George Leo, and there became the Procurator of the College. All three became priests; the younger son, George Leo, was martyred in London; and the elder son was ordained priest in 1577, and be-

came a learned Doctor of Divinity at Rome, where he died in 1605. Vivian Haydock married Ellyn, daughter of William Westby, of Mowbreck, Esq., by Elizabeth, daughter of John Rigmayden, of Wedacre, Esq.; her sister, Elizabeth Westby, married George Allen, brother of the Cardinal, which might be the relationship alluded to in Dodd. George Leo Haydock, the Martyr, was ordained priest at Rheims, about the year 1581, after studying at Douay College and Rome. He returned to England to labour for the benefit of the souls of his neighbours, but had scarcely arrived at London, when he fell into the hands of the pursuivants, on the 6th February, 1581-2, in St. Paul's Churchyard, and was thrown into prison, and executed at Tyburn, for being a priest, on the 20th February, 1584. Vivian Haydock was succeeded by his eldest son and heir, William Haydock, Esq., who married Bridget, daughter of Sir Richard Hoghton, of Hoghton Tower, Knight, and returned a pedigree at the visitation of the Herald, St. George, in 1613. He had issue two sons, Evan Haydock, viz. visit. St. George, 1613, æt. 30; and Robert, a Benedictine Monk, who was professed at Compostella, and arrived in London in 1607, shortly after which he was made Superior of the Monks on the mission in England belonging to the Spanish Congregation, and was elected one of the nine definitors to draw up the terms of the union in 1617; he was considered one of the most learned and spiritually-sciened of those who had been brought out of Spain, and died in Staffordshire, on the 8th February, 1650, full of years. Besides these two sons, William Haydock had five daughters, Elizabeth, married to Roger Sherborn, of Woolfall, Esq.; Ellyn, married to Thomas Adamson, of Broughton; Mary, married to James Crane, of Poulton; Bridget, married to Thomas Hothersall, of Hothersall Hall, Esq.; and Catharine, unmarried. Evan Haydock, Esq., of Cottam Hall, had issue—William, eldest son and heir, who was twice married, the first time to Jane, daughter of Hugh Anderton, Esq., of Euxton; Cuthbert, of whom hereafter; and Robert, of The Tagg, Cottam, who married, at Woodplumpton, 13th February, 1647, Margini, or Margery, daughter of James Wall, of Preston, Esq., and relict of John Hothersall, of Hothersall Hall, Esq.. The eldest son, William Haydock, Esq., had issue—William, the "Squire" of the *Diary*, of whom we have already spoken; Gilbert, who took the College oath at Douay, 8th September, 1703, was ordained priest, and appointed Confessor to the English Nuns at Louvain, Aug., 1716, and about 1718 (we extract this from the College Diary) Mr. Haydock went to England with two nuns of the family of the Earl of Derwentwater, who was beheaded and had his estates confiscated for participation in the Rebellion of 1715, "on busines, lest the Monastery should suffer by losing their pensions, which had been paid from the patrimony of the Count; "Cuthbert, who took the College oath at Douay, 10th December, 1703, was ordained priest, and sent to England 26th March, 1714, where he became chaplain to the Duke of Norfolk, and his will, made at Worksop Manor, co. Nottingham, is dated 1762; Hugh, who was likewise educated at Douay College; Mary, co-heiress to her brothers William and Cuthburt, who married Thomas ffinche, Esq., of Mawdesley; Dorothy, who married George Shuttleworth, Esq., of Hodsack Park, co. Notts.; and Elizabeth, married to Hugh Barton, Esq., of Barton and Billsborough, who was engaged in the Rebellion of 1715, and was obliged to take refuge in France. Respecting Cuthbert Haydock, Esq., of Cottom Hall, second son of Evan, he married his cousin, Elizabeth, daughter of Thomas Hothersall, of Hothersall, Esq., and had issue George Haydock, Esq., of The Tagg, Cottam; and a daughter Margaret, who died and was buried at Woodplumpton, 15th, January, 1658. George had issue—Robert, eldest son and heir, born February, 1692; Cuthbert, born August, 1696, and buried 10th May, 1697; Gilbert, born February, 1699; and George, a priest, died 11th January, 1763. Robert married Margaret, daughter of Mr. Holmes, who died 21st August, 1758, and had issue—George, born October, 1717, ob. inf.; George Haydock, Esq., of The Tagg, born October, 1721, married 21st February, 1760, Anne, daughter of William Cottam, of Billsborough, gentleman (born 4th September, 1730, and buried at Newhouse, 17th March, 1822), and died 26th February, 1782, leaving issue of whom hereafter; and Robert Haydock, of Leach Hall, born June, 1724, who married Alice, daughter of Robert Smith, of Larbreck, a younger branch of the Smiths, of Forton, and had issue—Robert, born November, 1749, Elizabeth, married to Robert Kellet, of Woodplumpton (and had issue the Rev. Richard Kellet), Anne, of Preston, unmarried, and Ellen, married to John Rigby, the representative of a junior branch of the Rigbys,

of Harrock, who had issue a daughter, Alice, married to Mr. John Platt, father of the Very Rev. Ralph Provost Platt, of Dodding Green, near Kendal, and brother of the Rev. Ralph Platt, of Puddington. Besides these sons, Robert Haydock and Margaret Holmes had issue four daughters, Anne, born in 1718, and ob. inf.; Jennet, born August, 1720, who married, November, 1739, Ralph ffidler, of Lea, gentleman; Mary, born in 1723; and Anne, who married in 1726, William Smith, of Forton. We now return to George Haydock, of The Tagg, who had issue--James Haydock, ordained priest at Douay, who for several years was on the mission at Lea, where he died 15th April, 1809, æt. 45, and was buried at Newhouse; George Leo Haydock, the noted Biblical annotator, likewise educated at Douay, and afterwards on the mission in England, where he died 29th November, 1849, in his 76th year; Thomas Haydock of Manchester, o.s.p.; Elizabeth, of The Tagg, who died unmarried 12th September, 1827, aged 66; and Mary, born in 1763, and died 4th March, 1772. The Rev. George Leo Haydock, in one of his MSS., relates that a certain Mr. Eccles offered his father Crow Trees, a neat residence and estate not far from The Tagg, and then worth three hundred pounds a year, to become a Protestant, but in vain. Robert Haydock, of Bartle, only son of Robert Haydock and Alice Smith, married his cousin, Mary, daughter of Ralph ffidler, of Lea, gentleman, and his wife Jennet Haydock; she was co-heiress to her brother Joseph ffidler, of Lea, and died 15th August, 1809, aged 69. She often related to her children how, when Prince Charles entered Lancashire, she was lifted up by her father to see the Scots pass, some of whom were supplied by her family with provisions; she was then six years old. The Scots passed through Sidegreaves-lane, in Lea, and she saw them as they passed her father's house—that house and estate owned by the ffidlers from the reign of Henry VIII. The issue of this marriage was two daughters and co-heiresses, Jane, who married William Smith, of Forton, and Clock House, Lea, gentleman, and Alice, the wife of Thomas Edsforth, of Myerscough Plank and Lea, of whose families we have already given an account. Mrs. Smith was born 9th July, 1784, died 21st November, 1865, and was buried with her husband at Cottam.

August 5.—Almorning at Lodge In the eivening went to Barton Parke. Sent Dick, post boy, pro Dick Gornal 1s. Stay^{d} an hou^{r} with Tom Cartwell. Soe to Lodge.

August 6.—Gave Mrs. 1s. Went with Tom and Will Rich^{d} son to Neppys. P^{d} 1s. pro a pint of reed. Soe to Lan^{r}. Spent at Mr. Beardsworth's pro wine 2s., and pro ale pro Ned 2s., and 6d. of nance, to part with all.

August 7.—Gave Jane Charnley 6s to by Polly eys and hempen yarne. P^{d} Dick Nickson 5s. pro wages, and gave him 1s. to by doge meat. Gave Ned M—y 1s. for a garth. Spent on Mr. Will. Hornby at his moth$^{r's}$ 1s. 6d.

August 8.—Went to X to Dr. H——den. Din^{d} att home. Left Lan^{r} about · · · and halfe, itt proveing a very rany afternoon. Spent 1d. of Robt Walker, att New Hollins, and 1d. at Neppy's in Garstange. Soe to y^{e} Lodge.

This was Sunday.

August 9.—Went in the morning to Polton. P^{d} Jo^{n} Jonson's pro shoes 7s. Bought a sutte off cloaths att Mr. Sherdly; p^{d} £3 11s. 0d. Spent there 1s.; soe backe to Ecleston. Gave a boy of cos. Leconby's 3d., to send Galter ye tayler. Soe to Lodge.

August 10.—Gave Bombr 1s. to bye shot and powdr. Sent Ned M—y to Banister Hall pro Mrs. Winckley's and my girlles. Gave him 1s. to spend. Pd 1d. pro pipes. In my chamber all-day, very lame with could goten on Munday.

August 11.—In my chambr alday and in great payne. Mrs. tuke ffrom mee 14 ounces off blood and made mee eassior.

August 12.—Alday in my chambr and much on ye beed. Both my knes beeing much swelld with could taken. Nelly Park and Sera came to see my wife, and brought her a good pige and chickens. They very kindly stayd all day and keept mee company.

August 13.—In much payne and lame on the beed all day; came on my right knee as well as the left.

August 14.—Gave Jo. Parkinson 11s. to bye hatts, and 2s. for seeds. Rid out and took the eyer thoh I payne.

August 15.—In the house alday, being very lame, occationd by the wet wether.

This was Sunday.

August 16.—Sent Ned M—y to Preston to sell Dimond. Gave him 1s, Cuddy Threlfall, of Barton, came to see mee, rid out with mee, and dind with mee.

August 17.—Mr. Wiswall calld; pd him £1 0s. 0d. Left Lodge, thence to Bowers House and Natby, and soe to Lanr; pd 5d. pro suger.

August 18.—Lame with my jorney. All day in the house. The Judges came in by 2 of ye clocke. Bought 5 black necklesses pro 2 Mrs. Winckley, my two gerlls, and Mrs., as a siszeing, 2s. Pd 8d. pro frut, and 5d. pro candells.

Necklaces, or similar presents, were commonly given for an "assizing" or a "fairing."

August 19.—Pd 4d. pro frut and 6d. ffor Winny's stockings kniting; and about nine at night honest dear Ned Winkley came.

August 20.—Pd pro rasburys 2s., and about 11 met Coll. Stanley on the Green Eyer, who was very glad to see mee. Pd Cos. Tom Walton 7s. 6d. pro trenches hee had bought for mee. In the eivening spent 6d. with Ned Winckley, Tom Walton, and Mr. Whitingham, at Robt Parkinson's, and afterwards saw Mr. Blackborne.

- ALYERSCOUGH LODGE - BACK VIEW -

August 21.—Ned Winckley din^{d} with mee. Went to Mr. Beardsworth's with Mr. Wind^{r} ; gave a pint because Mall Rigby or Tyldesley's declaration was ffalse. Spent with Mr. Chew and Sany Butler att ye King's Arms — Spent there also 2d. with old Mrs. Hornby, and in the eivening Ned Winckley and I went to Mr, Blackborne about business and spent 1s. Soe too beed.

August 22.—Ned Winckley and I went to Aldcliffe, and after diner wee went to Mr. Beardsworth about Bateson declaration. P^{d} him 50s., and spent on dito Ned W: and Mr. Parkinson 4s.; Tom North in company. Soe too beed.

This was Sunday.

August 23.—P^{d} Mr. Roe att Mr. B——dsworth's 5 pound ffor a bull bought at Cockerham sayle. Spent 1s. 3d. in a pint off ffrench, with Mr. Parkinson, Mr. Whitlow, and others. P^{d} Mr. Thornton pro house rent 18 pounds, and 10 pounds ffor interest due to Mr. Tounley. Gave his nep^{w} Jack Thornton 1s. Soe home.

Mr. Townley had advanced £1,000 on the Lodge estate.

August 24.—Went to Aldcliffe. P^{d} Peter Cock a butcher bill of £1 8s. 0d. Gave Mr. Hornby's man 6d. ffor bringing mee pidgeons. P^{d} 6d. pro suger. In the house remand^{r} of the day.

August 25.—Almorning ye house. Affter din^{r} went with Mrs. to Haulton. Stay^{d} there till near 7 ; soe home.

August 26.—Left Lan^{r} beffor 6 in ye morning. Stay^{d} att Stalmin, being tyd bound, 8 how^{rs}, with Mr. Adison and Mr. Hesken, the gag^{r}. Spent 1s.; thence to Thornton and Whinnyheys, and after 2 how^{rs} stay to ye Lodge. Gave a gerll 1d. ffor liberty to goe thorrow the ffield betwixt High More and Thistleton.

Stalmine is five miles N.N.E. of Poulton. About this time the Hall was the property of Cornelius Fox, Esq., who also resided at Fern Hill. His daughter and co-heiress Jane, married John Bourne, son of John Bourne, of Wyresdale, from whom the estate descended to the late Cornelius Bourne, of Stalmine Hall, Esq., J. P. and D. L. county of Lancaster, who was the reputed lord of the manor and principal owner of the soil.—George Addison, gent., of Preston and Pilling, was the father of John Addison, of Pilling, who was living with his wife Eleanor in 1735. Of this family was Richard Addison, Mayor of Preston in 1727-8 and 1735-6. He was the grandfather of John Addison, Esq., barrister-at-law, of Preston, who was Recorder of Clitheroe, and died in 1837, leaving issue three sons and a daughter, viz.—Thomas Batty Addison, Esq., Recorder of Preston, appointed in 1832, J.P., county Lancaster, and since 1821 chairman of the Preston Quarter Sessions, all of which offices he still retains; John Addison, Esq., Mayor of Preston in 1832 and 1843, and Judge of the

County Court of the North Lancashire Circuit, from 1847 to his death in 1859; Richard Addison, Esq., Mayor's bailiff of Preston in 1817; and Susannah, the wife of Robert Bickersteth, Esq., surgeon, of Liverpool.

August 27.—Went with honest Dick Gornall to meet Cap^{tt} Veale att Great Singlton. Spentt 1s., and 4d. at Elswick in our returne. So to ye Lodge.

The family of Veale, of Whinney Heys, was descended from John Veale, who, at the military muster of 1574, furnished 1 *caliver and* 1 *morrian*. His son Edward, then of Methorp, married Hellen, daughter and co-heiress of John Massie, of Whinnieheyes, Esq., by Ellen, daughter of Thomas Singleton, of Stayning, Esq.; Alice, the other co-heiress of John Massie, married Thomas Bamber, of Moor House, Poulton, gentleman. Apparently through this marriage the estate of Whinney Heys fell to the share of Edward Veale, who was a magistrate for the county of Lancaster *temp.* Jac. I and Car. II. In 18 Jac. I (1621), Edward Veal, de Whinnye-heys, Armiger, appears in the list of free-tenants. He had issue—Francis; John, born in 1605, who succeeded his father to Whinney Heys; Singleton Veale; Hellen, who married Thomas Heardson, of Camebadge; Anne, who married Mr. John Austin, of London; and Frances, who married Mr. William Wombwell, of London. The second son, John, married Dorothy, daughter of Mathew Jepson, of Hawkswell, in Yorkshire, Esq., and had issue—Edward; John, son and heir; Hellen; Susan; Jane; and Dorothy, who married George Sharples, of Freckleton, gentleman. John Veale, who was born in 1635, and succeeded his father, had issue a son, John Veale, of Whinney Heys, Esq., who died 20th January, 1704, aged 60 years. He married Susannah, daughter of Mr. Rishton, who died 20th May, 1718, aged 67 years, and he had issue—Edward Veale, Esq., the "Captain" of the Diary; Ellen, who married at Poulton, 4th February, 1698, Edward Sherdley, of Kirkham, gentlemen; and Dorothy, the eldest daughter, who died 9th January, 1747, aged 76 years. Captain Veale had issue—John Veale, a clergyman, who died unmarried; Sarah, co-heiress to her brother, who married Edward Fleetwood, of Rossall Hall, Esq.; and Susannah, the other co-heiress to her brother, who married 20th July, 1704, John Fayle, of the Holmes, Thornton, and subsequently of the Bridge House, Bispham, which he erected after the plan of old Whinney Heys. Whinney Heys was situated on a hill on the S. E. of Layton, but the present farm house is only an abridgment of the ancient hall, and scarcely a vestige remains of the plantations which formerly surrounded it. The Veales held property in Bispham, of which church they were the patrons, and in Great Marton, where Antonius Veale, a younger branch, resided with his wife Anne; his *Inq. post mortem* being dated 8 Jac. I (1610-11), when it was found that he was possessed of lands in Magna Marton and Magna Layton.

August 28.—Gave John Robinson 2s. 6d. ffor coming to give mee his advice about some worke. Left Lodge about 5; thence to Lan^{r}.

John and Elizabeth Robinson were non-jurors in 1716, returning £8 10s. from an estate in Forton, in the possession of William Forster.

August 29.—Dr. Harden here, and hee with cosin Carus & his lady, son, & dug^{r}, din^{d} with us. P^{d} Tompson, the collior, 2s.; and in the eivening went with cos. Carus, who treated me with a botle of wine, and p^{d} ffor a pint att Mr. Beardsworth's; soe home.

This was Sunday.

August 30.—Gave Mrs. £3 0s. 0d. to pay aboundance of small debts, and

to bye in provisions for the house use. Spent with Mr. Beardsworth 1s.; soe home.

August 31.—Lefft Lan^r about one—Mrs., I, and two lasses, Mrs. Winckley, and Aggy. Stay^d 2 how^rs att Kirkland. Found Younge Esqre Brookholes & his 2 broth^rs there. Soe to ye Lodge.

September primo.—Alday att Lodge till eivening; then went to see my nigb^r Greenhough. Stay^d with him 2 howers. Soe home & too beed.

September 2.—Went to meet younge Esqre Brookholls & Mr. B—dsworth, at Garstang. P^d 6d. pro din^r; spent 1s. 6d. with y^m, & 4d. at Neppy's with Moncaster, Tumbell, ye hop m^r, Jack Plessington, & oth^rs. Soe to ye Lodge.

September 3.—Went early to Whinny Heys, ffox Hall, & ffrom thence to Roshall, where I ffound Madam Richmond, her son & daug^r, Whinny heys famuly, & law^r Hornby. Stay^d two how^rs, and from thence to the Lodge in angery rayne.

September 4.—Alday in my roome very lame with the rane ffrom Roshall.

September 5.—Wee went to Antony Lund's, off Midghall; Mr. Vaviser there. Affter din^r Cos. Hesketh and his wiffe, & son Threlfall & his wiffe, came to see us, and suped with us.

This was Sunday.—The Rev. Walter Vavassor, S.J., succeeded the Rev. James Thompson to the mission in Preston. He was of a good family in Yorkshire, and after finishing the study of rhetoric at St. Omer, entered Watten, 7th September, 1681, and was formed a Spiritual Coadjutor, 16th February, 1692. He died at Preston, 10th April, 1740, aged seventy-six, and was succeeded there by the Rev. John Robinson, who, however, only survived him two years.

September 6.—In the morning the 2 Mrs. Winckleys went home. Affter din^r Mrs. and I went to see old Esqre Brookholles, who was very glad to see us.

September 7.—Went with honest Dick Gornall to Preston about younge Bateson's business. P^d Mun: Ashton 2 pounds off a shoop debtt. P^d ffor Mr. Winckley and Dick Gornall din^rs, and ffor drink to entertain them, Mr. Parkinson, and younge Mr. Bateson, in ord^r to accomodate ye matter, 8s. 6d. Soe back to ye Lodge.

September 8.—Went a hunting in the morning to Sourby Moss. Thence to Singlton Fare; met severall good company; p^d pro Dick Gornall's

meat & wine 1s., and spent 1s. 8d.; and the sadle beeing very ffarly won with Jack of The Burns horse, yet Singlton mob reffussed to let him have it, and in a great scruffell the pulled all the sadle to pices. Pd 8d. ffor 2 quarts, att Martha Wallshe's, to treat Mr. Cultcheth, Tom Walton, Seath Jolly, and Dick Gornall. Soe home.

September 9.—Honest Tom Wambsley came in order to goe with mee to ffatch some hounds ffrom Cockerham, but itt had been soe much rane all night, and much all day, ytt wee could not cros New Brooke, therffoor did not goe.

Sowerby is four miles S.S.W. of Garstang, and, with Inskip, forms one township. "New Brooke," or New Brock, runs close to the Lodge, on the northern side.

September 10.—Ho—st T. Walmbsley went early with me to Cockerham; spentt 1s. 5d., and gave a boy 1d. Pd 4s. ffor a bushell off salt. We brought old Thornton and Musick with a Mopeys whelps. Soe to the Lodge.

September 11.—Went early a hunting to ye Higher More with T. Wam—ley and T. B—on, butt drive off with angery rane, and, affter 3 howrs sitting in a house, fforsed to rid home wett.

September 12.—After dinr went with Mrs. to Esqre Brookholles. Over tuke Mr. Kirke. Stayd there betwixt 2 & 3 howrs; soe home.

This was Sunday.—The Rev. Thomas Kirk entered the Society of Jesus in 1689: after several years, passed in missionary labour, he died in England, 11th September, 1718, aged fifty-two years.

September 13.—Alday att home bussy bulding a house of eass with the carpindrs.

September 14.—Went to ye Highr More a hunting with T. Wam—ley and T. B—on. Mopey seated us a hare wh beet us ffor 3 howrs, but a fresh on started and savd her life. We killed on other; and soe home.

September 15.—Alday bussy with workmen, having both carpnders and slattrs.

September 16.—Bussy all morning with my workmen. Then went to Garstange to meet Mr. Beardsworth, who came not. Spent 8d. and pd 2s. pro a bridle. Thence to Mr. Brookholles, his lady being dead. Stayd there half an howr; soe home. Found Mr. Parkinson's two dougrs, Mr. Blackborne, of Stoken bridge, and Tho. Gest, who stayd supr.

The death here recorded was that of Mary, second wife of John Brookholes, Esq., and eldest daughter and co-heiress of Michael Johnson, Esq., of Twygell Hall, Durham.—Richard Blackburn, of Stokenbridge, near St. Michael's, gentleman, was the eldest son and heir of John Blackburn, of Stockenbridge and Fylde Plumpton, gentleman. He was engaged in the Rebellion of 1715, was taken prisoner, and tried on the 8th February, 1716, but was acquitted. His will is dated 27th March, 1725. By his wife, Mary, he had issue four daughters and coheiresses—Ellen, married to William Hathornthwaite, of Catshaw and Stonyhurst, gentleman; Margaret, married to Mr. Eccles; Anne, married to another Mr. Eccles; and Jennet, unmarried at the time of her father's death. This family was a younger branch of the Blackburnes, of Orford, Hale, Liverpool, Hawford, Lynn Regis, &c. We gather from *Gregson's Fragments* that the ancestor of this family came from Yorkshire, *temp.* Elizabeth, and settled at Garstang. He had two sons, William and Richard, who were in partnership as merchants in the Fylde, in an extensive Russia trade. The elder one, who resided at Thistleton, purchased Newton and some other estates from Sir — Fleetwood, Bart., and settled them on his eldest son Richard Blackburne, who resided first at Scorton Hall, near Garstang, second at Thistleton, and lastly at Newton. He married Jane, daughter of John Aynesworth, of Newton, county Lancaster, and had issue seven children, viz.—John, of Eccleston and Newton; Richard of Goosnargh, the ancestor of the families of the *Hill* and *Brook;* Thomas, of Orford and Newton, born in 1605, buried at Winwick, 1663, who was the father of Jonathan Blackburne, Esq., of the Diary, the ancestor of the family of *Orford;* Edward, of Stockenbridge, near St. Michael's-le-Wyre, of whom hereafter; Robert, who was charged with being concerned in the Gunpowder Plot: Anne, the wife of Mr. Nickson; and Elizabeth, the wife of William Standish. Edward Blackburne, of Stockenbridge, gentleman, had issue a son, John Blackburn, who succeeded to Stockenbridge, Hale, &c., but was living at Fylde Plumpton, in 1725. On a grave-stone at St. Michael's is the following inscription:—"Heare lyeth the body of Tho. second son of Jno. Blakborne of Stokenbridge. Died Avgvst 9, 1667." He appears to have had a third son also, called Thomas, who was living at Fylde Plumpton, in 1725, and is mentioned in the will of his elder brother Richard. This Thomas was probably the father of Gregory Blackburn, who was living at Thistleton about 1768. The estate of Stockenbridge, however, descended through the union of Ellen Blackburne with William Hathornthwaite, to his daughter Mary Hathornthwaite, who carried it in marriage to Richard Leckonby, Esq., of Great Eccleston, as also the estates of Hale, Livesey Hall, in Sutton, in the parish of Prescot, Luddocks, Upper Rawcliffe, &c. The property has since been sold, and it is now in various hands. It is very probable that of this family was William Blackburne, of Great Singleton, gentleman, who was nephew and heir-at-law of John Mayfield, of Little Plumpton, and Stayning Hall, gentleman, the representative of the Singletons, of Stayning. He had issue two sons, James and Gabriel Blackburne, and was possessed of the Manor of Stayning: the latter was apparently then under age.

September 17.—Went a hunting in ye morning; Tho. Gest with mee; kill^d^ 8 hares. In the eivening went to see 2 Mrs. Parkinson's, at Stockenbridge; Tho Gest with mee.

September 18.—Very bussy with my workmen alday; Tho. Gest here. Sent Dick Gornall to Preston, about Bateson's business.

September 19.—Went to Whithill; found son Threlfall and lady there; stay^d^ alday. Gave Mrs. pro pocket 1s. 6d. Gave ye servant 1s. Thence call^d^ att Esqre Brookholles; soe home.

September 20.—Alday bussy with my workmen. Tho. Gest here.

September 21.—In the morning Tho. Gest went home. I went a hunting, but call[d] att Esq[re] Brookholles, to pray. Wee kill[d] ffour hares; and Mr. Grenough, I, and 14 more, went to y[e] White Bull. I p[d] 1s. pro mee and 1s. pro Jo. Parkinson. Soe home.

The 21st September is a day of devotion, dedicated to St. Matthew.

September 22.—Alday att home, bussy with y[e] workmen. Mr. Caton came to set up my clock, and din[d] with us in the eivening. Rob[t] Bateson came to speak with mee about his horse and son's business.

There was a Mr. Caton, a priest, serving a mission in this neighbourhood at this time, and it is not improbable that the one referred to in the Diary is identical with him, for even at this time it was necessary for priests to disguise their calling under a different profession. The Catons, a well-to-do yeomanry family, residing in the neighbourhood of Garstang, were staunch Catholics, and one or two of them non-jurors in 1716. Of this family was William Caton, gentleman, of Carr House, in Cabus, who made his will 9 November, 1751, in which he mentions his cousins, Lydia Caton (and Elizabeth, her daughter), Richard Caton, and Christopher Wilcock (and his brothers and sister), his wife, Agnes Caton, James Smith, of Forton, and John Smith. It was proved 28 December, 1751. His wife, Agnes, who survived him, was the daughter of William Hathornthwaite, of Catshaw and Stonyhurst, gentleman. Her will is dated 15th October, 1767, and was proved 3rd September, 1772. She leaves legacies to her sister, Sarah Hathornthwaite, her brother-in-law, Richard, Leckonby, Esq., and his son William, her niece, Elizabeth Smith, her son William, and her niece Agnes Ball, wife of Robert Ball, of Sline, near Lancaster.

September 23.—Alday at home with my workmen. P[d] Dick Gornall pro my chesnut coult gelding 1d., and p[d] 1s. 2d. pro sives and wodden ware. Rob. Fogg came about taking a tenim[tt].

September 24.—Bussy in y[e] morning. After din[r] went to Garstang to meet Mr. Parkinson about Mr. Bateson's business; Dick Gornall with mee; spent 1s.; soe home.

A leaf has here been torn out of the Diary which accounts for the omission to the 12th October.

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October 12.—In the house alday. Mrs. Caterin, ffor her bajoe language ffors[d] to move house.

The Diarist's half-sister, Katherine Tyldesley, would appear from this entry to have been living with, or, at any rate, on a visit to, the Diarist, with whom she had evidently fallen out.

October 13.—Much eassy[d] ffrom payne, butt not able to ride ffor y[e] siatica in my hip.

October 14.—Early in the morning, doug[r] ffanny and younge Mr. Birds-

worth came to see mee and stay^{d} alnight. Mr. Brandon, Sr Richd Fleetwood man, call^{d} in his way to Lan^{r} aboutt my sist$^{r's}$ business.

October 15.—Almorning in the house. About 12 Mr. Park^{r}, younge Lord, and Will Greenffeild call^{d}, and I rid outt with them. In the eivening Mr. Brandon return^{d}, as did young Birdsworth and ffanny from Preston.

Alexander Parker, Esq., of Bradkirk Hall, was the second son of Christopher Parker, Esq., of the same place, by Katharine, his wife, daughter of Ralph Laud, of Norfolk, and sister of James Laud, of Kirkham, county of Lancaster. This family was descended from William Parker, Esq., of Bradkirk, who was buried at Kirkham, 4th April, 1609 By his wife Margery, daughter of Robert Shaw, of Compton, he had issue—John Parker, eldest son and heir, who married, first, Margaret, daughter and coheiress of Anthony Parker, of Radham Park, gentleman, and second, Alice, daughter of Richard Mason, of Holland, county of Lancaster; Thomas Parker, who settled at Bidston, county of Chester; and Henry Parker, of Whittingham, the founder of the family of Parker of Whittingham House. The latter married at Kirkham, 30th April, 1609, Alice Threlfall, and was buried at Goosnargh 12th November, 1642; and this branch of the family continued to reside at Whittingham House until the death of John Burch Parker, who died unmarried, in 1844, when the estate passed to his sister Martha, the wife of James German, of Preston, county of Lancaster, and Sevenoaks, county of Kent, Esq. We now return to John Parker, of Bradkirk Hall, who by his first wife had issue—Christopher, eldest son and heir, born 15th September, 1628, J.P., county of Lancaster, *vizit visit.* 1664, of whose issue hereafter; Anthony, who died unmarried; and Jennet. By his second wife John Parker had issue—William, who married Hellen, daughter of William Beesley, of Brooks, and had issue, William æt. 28, in 1665, Richard and Alice; Richard Parker, and married Elizabeth, daughter of John Garrett, of Singleton; John; who Margaret, the wife of John Christian, of the Isle of Man, Esq. Christopher Parker, of Bradkirk, by his wife, Katherine Laud, had issue—Anthony Parker, Esq., of Bradkirk Hall, born in 1657, who married the daughter of Sir Thomas Stringer, serjeant-at-law; Alexander Parker, of whom hereafter; John; William; Margaret; Mary; Isabel; and Jane, married, at Poulton, to John Westby, of Mowbreck, Esq., 10th February, 1688. Anthony, the eldest son, had issue—Christopher Parker, Esq., of Bradkirk Hall, M.P. for Clitheroe in 1708, who died unmarried; and Catharine, wife of Thomas Stanley, Esq., of Cross Hall, Lancashire. Alexander Parker, Esq., succeeded to the property of his nephew, Christopher, conjointly with Mrs. Stanley, and they sold the property in Lancashire and Yorkshire on the 6th June, 1728. He resided at Bradkirk Hall for some time, and married Dorothy, daughter of Thomas Westby, of Mowbreck, Esq., by Bridget, daughter of Thomas Clifton, of Lytham, Esq., and had issue—Christopher, Thomas, Robert, Westby, John (died in Bombay), who all appear to have died without issue; Dorothy, the wife of Mr. Cowburn; and Katharine, the wife of William Jump, of Hesketh Bank, whose daughter and heiress married, Capt. Morris, who likewise left a daughter and heiress, the wife of Stephen Sparrow, Esq., father of the late John Sparrow, Esq., of Woodfold, Park, Lancashire, and Puddington Hall, Cheshire, whose representatives still retain several portraits, amongst which are those of Anthony Parker, his son Christopher, the member for Clitheroe, and Alexander, the gentleman referred to in the Diary.

October 16.—Wentt in ye morning to the ffunerall off Dick Stanley. Part^{d} with Mr. Brandon att Dick Jackson's dor; ffollow^{d} the ffuneral to Mickells; but ffell at Stavens Poole; and soe wentt home.

This was the funeral of Richard Stanley, Esq., of Great Eccleston Hall. Shortly after the estate was transferred to Thomas Westby, Esq., of Upper Rawcliffe, and is still enjoyed by his descendants. The remains of a moat may be seen around the farm-house which has succeeded and yet retains the name of Great Eccleston

Hall.—Stavens Pool is in Sowerby, on the borders of Carr House Green common, where the road from Preston branches to St. Michael's on the right and Great Eccleston on the left.

October 17.—In vielent paine on my beed with the siatica. Dick Bell, Tom^{s} Wambsley, and Barton, came to see mee. Jack, my son Threlfall, send mee the Great Dog Winder by his nep^{w}. Gave him 1s.

John Threlfall was living at The Ashes in 1723 and 1744: it is not clear that he was the son-in-law of the Diarist. His nephew would be the son of his older brother, Cuthbert.

October 18.—Alday in the house in violentt payne with the siatica. Send Jack to Preston to Bland: Gave him 6d. to spend, and 2s. to by brandy.

October 19.—Alday in the house, tho^{h} thanke God, somewhat easier. Two Dickes, the Shuttleworths, came to see mee.

October 20.—Alday in the house, itt proveing a very ranny day, and apprehensive off new coulds.

October 21.—About noun went a hunting, but rane stop^{d} us in Brookes Bridge Barne 2 how^{rs}. About 8 o'clocke wee found a doe in farrest grounds, wch tuke to Ashton Parke. Old Mounton, Jouler, Capt^{t}, and Wind^{r} only ffollow^{d}, but went home.

The "farrest" or forest grounds would be those in Myerscough.

October 22.—Alday in the house beeing very ranny. In the eivening Jack Nickson and James Helme came back and tould off ye hunt to Ashton Parke with above s^{d} 4 hounds.

The Helmes were an ancient family of Goosnargh, and returned a pedigree in 1664. Thomas Helme, of Goosnargh, by his wife, the daughter and co-heiress of Mr. Riding, of Riding, had issue a son, Leonard Helme, who married Isabel, daughter of Robert Parker, of Browsholme, Esq. His inq. post-mortem is dated 44 Eliz. (1601-2), and he had issue—Thomas Helme, born in 1575, and living at Dugdale's Visitation of 1664 (but according to Lieut.-Col. Fishwick his wife administered to her husband's estate in 1662); Robert; William; John; James; Jane, the wife of Thos. Grimshaw, of Clayton, Esq.; Bridget, the wife of Mr. Taylor, of Wordsley; and Mary, the wife of Robert Tomlinson, of Woodside. The eldest son, Thomas, by his wife, Isabel, daughter of William Houghton, of Grimsargh, by Grace, natural daughter of Sir Richard Sherborne, of Stonyhurst, had issue—William, Katharine, Elizabeth, Grace, and Bridget, and very probably Leonard, John, and Thomas, whose names are in the Preston Guild book of 1642, and who may have died before Dugdale's Visitation in 1664. William Helme married Frances, daughter of William Davenport, of Woodford, in Cheshire, and had issue a son Thomas, who was perhaps the father of James Helme mentioned in the Diary. There was a John Helme, a priest at Goosnargh, in 1478, and another John Helme was curate of Goosnargh in 1583, whilst a Nicholas Helme, A.M., was vicar of Kirkham in 1594. Their residence, Church House, taken down a few years ago, had the date of 1589 upon it.

October 23.—In the morning p^{d} Nick Bagger, the payver, pro worke, £8 9s. 0d. Then went to Preston aboutt Parker's business. Pd pro man &

horses 8s. P^d pro horse spice and purges 2s. 10d. Spent with Ned Winckley and honest ffandon 9d. att Jack Fissicke's. Soe home.

October 24.—Alday in my roome, not well with could got ye last night. Willy Dodgshon here; order^d Jo. Mally to pay him 20s.

This was Sunday.

October 25.—Almorning in the house. Went in the eivening to see ye new marry^d cuple att Stanzacre.

Stanzacre Hall, in Myerscough, is still approached by a fine avenue of trees; but it is now a farmhouse.

October 26.—In my chamber alday: Catched could last night, and in much payne.

October 27.—Very much payn^d with the sciatica. Keep^tt the house alday. Fix^d a plast^r ffor ye payne.

October 28.—Wentt out a hunting, and to Garstange; and in the eivening Mr. Brandon came ffrom Sr Richard ffletewood, purposly to ffix sister Ann's business.

October 29.—Went with Mr. Brandon towards Lan^r. Treated him with ale and a hot pott at Garstange, 1s. 6d. Soe to Lancaster.

October 30.—Mr. Brandon and sister Anne din^d with mee. P^d 8d. pro ffish, and 8d. pro bread; p^d 2s. pro wine, 1s. 6d. pro pint of sack when he came in, & 1s. 6d. pro brandy, and 10d. pro ale. In the eivening went with sist & him to Mr. Birdsworth's. Sign^d the bonds; p^d each 2s. 6d., and in expences, wch Mr. Brandon and sist^r put mee too, 4s., ffor I was with Bro^r Bland all night treated; butt Mr. Brandon tould mee next day, duks, he ffound, would drink as well as drakes.

Mr. Brandon's allusion to the ducks and drakes refers to the Diarist's sister.

October 31.—Mr. Brandon & I dine^d with Bro^r Bland. Affter wee had been att Aldcliffe, and about three wee sett fforwards to ye Lodge.

This was Sunday.

November primo.—Went to Rawclife Hall about Bro^r Bland's busines; Jack Critchley with mee, who saw mee knock greatt longe Jemmy Wilkinson down ffor his saweyness.

The family of Butler, of Rawcliffe Hall, was one of the oldest in Lancashire. Dominus Richardus Pincerna alias Boteler, filius Almeric Pincernæ, held the whole of Hout Rawcliffe and one bovate of land in Staynole *ex dono Theobaldi Walter Pin-*

cernæ Hiberniæ. He died 9 Edward I, leaving issue by his wife Alicia, daughter of Will. de Carleton (who had the manor of Inskip *ex dono patris fuit dotata* 9 *Edward I*); Dominus Willelmus; Henry, 19 Edward I; Richard, who held land in Merton, and had issue a son, Richard, living 16 Edward II, who was the ancestor of the family of Butler, of Kirkland; Edmund, 9 Edward I; and Galfrid, 9 Edward I William, the eldest son, by his wife Johanna de Sifewast, (a widow, 23 Edward III) *habuit dotem* 29 *Edward I*, had issue—Nicholaus de Boteler, living 16 Edward II (1322-3), who by his wife Oliva, 20 Edward I, had issue—William Boteler, armiger, 13 Richard II (1389-90), who had issue—Sir John Boteler, knight, High Sheriff of Lancashire 16 Richard II (1393), who died 5 Henry IV (1403-4); Richard, who had the manor of Frekilton for life, 38 Edward III; and Elianor, who married, 43 Edward III, Edmund, son of Hervisius de Cliderhow. Sir John was twice married—first to Agnes, and second to Isabella, relict of Sir John Butler, of Bewcy, knight, by the latter of whom he had issue—Nicholaus Boteler, aged 20 at the death of his father, who married first, Margeria, daughter of Sir Richard Kirkeby, knight, 2 Henry IV, and second Katherina, relict of Sir Thomas Radcliffe, knight, 20 Henry VI, and sister of William Booth de Barton; John; Richard, who married Margreta, daughter of Sir John Delves, knight, and relict of Thomas Butler, of Bewcy; and Elizabeth, who married Richd. Boteler, of Kirkland, being related in the fourth degree, 12 Pontif. Bodifacii Papæ. Nicholas, the eldest son, had issue by his first wife—John Boteler, armiger, whose Inq. post-mortem is dated 8 Hen. 7 (1492-3); and Isabell, wife of John Townley, son and heir of Richard Townley, of Townley, 7 Hen. 5, who was divorced. John, by his wife Elizabeth, daughter of William Boteler, of Warrington, 26 Hen. 6, had issue—Nicholas Boteler, armiger; and Elizabeth. The son married Alicia, daughter of Sir Thomas Radcliffe, Knt., and had issue—John Boteler, whose Inq. post-mortem is dated 18 Hen. 7 (1502-3); Nicholaus, and Elizabeth. John married Elizabeth, daughter and heiress of Sir John Lawrence, Knt., and had issue—William; James Butler, of Rawcliffe, armiger, who succeeded his father, and married Elizabeth, daughter of Sir Thomas Molineux, Knt., her Inq. post-mortem bearing date 1 Hen. 8 (1509-10) Richard; and Robert. James, whose Inq. post-mortem is dated 20 Hen. 7 (1504-5) had issue—John Boteler, in wardship to Sir Ralph Sherburne, aged 21 at the death of his father, who married, first, Alice, daughter of James Masey, of Carlton (this is probably a mistake, for John Butler, of Kirkland, is stated to have married Alice Massey of Carlton), and second, Anne, daughter of Sir Richard Sherburne, of Stonyhurst, her Inq. post-mortem bearing date 33 Hen. 8 (1541-2); Nicholaus Boteler, of Rawcliffe, who died 3 and 4 Phil. and Mary, of whom hereafter; Isabella, the wife of Richard, son and heir of Hugh Aghton, 14 Hen. 7; and Elizabeth, the wife of Ralph Catterall, of Catterall. John, the eldest son, whose Inq. post-mortem is dated 26 Hen. 8 1534-5), had issue four daughters and co-heiresses by his first wife—Isabell (the Radcliffe pedigree says Mabell), the wife of Thomas Radcliffe, of Winmarley; Grace, apparently unmarried; Ellinor, the wife of Henry, son and heir of Richard Rushton; and Elizabeth, the wife of James Standish, of Duxbury. Nicholas Boteler, the second son of James, was twice married—first to Anne, daughter of Richard Bold, of Bold, Esq., and second, to Isabel, daughter and co-heiress of John Clayton, of Clayton, by the latter of whom he had issue a daughter, Elizabeth, the wife of John Orrell, of Turton, Esq., her will bearing date 23 January, 1606. By his first wife he had issue—Richard, eldest son and heir, aged 15 at his father's death, who married Agnes, daughter of Sir Richard Houghton, Knt., and does not appear to have had issue; and Henry Butler, of Rawcliffe, whose Inq. post-mortem is dated 2 Car. I (1626-7), his will bearing date 20 May, 1619. By his wife Anne, daughter of Henry Bannister, of Bank, Henry Butler had issue—William Butler, of Rawcliffe, Esq., Inq. post-mortem dated 17 Car. I (1641-2), who married Elizaboth, daughter of Cuthbert Clifton, of Westby, Esq.; Nicholas, of Hale, Esq., who married Anne, daughter of Cuthbert Clifton, of Westby, Esq.; Thomas; Robert, of Rawcliffe, who married, at Poulton, in November, 1601, Anne, daughter of Edmund Fleetwood, of Rossall, Esq. Margaret, the wife of Will. Haggerston, of Haggerston Castle, county Northumberland; Joan, the wife John Smith, of Stalmine Grange; Prudence, the wife of Thomas Singleton, of Scales; and Gismund, the wife of John Atherton, of Atherton, Esq. It was to this Henry Butler that James I granted, 29 November, 1606, "All that Latte Channtrye at the Aulter of the Crucifixe within the parishe Church of Crostoun,

in the said countie of Lancaster, in the foresaid countie of Lancaster, once founded and stablished, and lately dissolved, and all the Lannde, tents., &c., to the said Latte Channtrie belonginge," &c. And also "All that Latte Channtrie of the ffoundation of Thomas Butler, at the Aulter of the blessed Katherine, within the parishe Churche of Ste. Michaell-Upon-Wyre, in the said Countye of Lancaster, Latly dissolved," and all the lands thereto belonging. William Butler, the eldest son of Henry, had issue —Henry Butler, of Raweliffe, who was thrice married, first, to Dorothy, daughter of Henry Stanley, of Bickerstaffe; second, to Cicely, daughter of Edward Parkinson, of Westfield, county Lancaster; and third, to Elizabeth, daughter of Grimston, a younger son of Grimston, of Grimston. He had issue, by his first wife, Richard, who died before his father, having married Elizabeth, daughter of Thomas Stanley, of Great Eccleston, Esq., of whose issue hereafter; Henry, who married Jane, daughter of Thomas Stanley, of Great Eccleston, Esq., and had issue, Mary, Katharine, Bridget, Fleetwood, the wife of Richard Longworth, of St. Michael's Hall, Esq.; Philip, Thomas, and Charles, aged 21 in 1664; and Margaret, the wife of Bryan Jackson, of Sowerby. The issue of the second marriage was, William, who married Alice, daughter of John Barton, of Claughton, and had issue—Cicely, the wife of John Curwen, of Claughton; and Edward. By his third wife Henry Butler was the father of Thomas, Marmaduke, Henry (it would appear strange that there should be a second son called Henry; but it is probable the first one died before the second was born); Christopher, Alexander, James, Dorothy, and Anne. Richard Butler, the eldest son, had issue—Richard, aged 32 at the visitation of 1664; Nicholas, a colonel, temp. Charles I; John, citizen of London; Robert, William, Theobald, Anne, Mary, Elizabeth, and Dorothy, the wife of James Bland, of Haworth, county Durham. Richard had issue by his wife Katharine, daughter of Thomas Carus, of Halton, Esq., Henry Butler, aged 6 at the visitation of 1664; Richard, George, Thomas, Ferdinand, Robert, Elizabeth, Mary, and Katharine. Henry Butler, of whom we have already spoken in previous notes, had issue by his first wife, Katherine, granddaughter, and ultimately heiress, of Sir John Girlington, of Thurland Castle, knight—Richard, of whom and whose descendants we have likewise spoken; Christopher, Philip, Mary, and Katherine.

November 2.—In the house alday. Sent Ned Mally with a present off ffowell to Bro^{r} Bland at Lancaster.

November 3.—Alday in the house. Tuke pills, and not well.

November 4.—Went a hunting. Thence to Garstang. Met Jack Layborne, & saw Mr. B^{d} worth. Spent 1s. Soe home, but exsessive ill and oblidg^{d} to take a vomit, wch gave mee easse beffor I went too beed.

November 5.—Alday in the house. Mr. Knight came to dine with mee, as did Nelly Parke and Sera, who brought Mrs. some aples. P^{d} Tom^{s} Dunderdall 18s. : 00 : ffor turfe geteing, &c., and gave Mrs. 2s.

November 6.—Went early in the morning about Parker's busines. P^{d} pro selfe, man, and horses, 2s. 6d. P^{d} pro horse gears, 4s. 8d. Soe home. P^{d} pro viniger 1s., pro sugar 1s., & pro corvens 7d; ffound Will Wright and his son Peter att Lodge.

November 7.—William Wright and his son Pett^{r} ffrom Morleys came to see mee, who din^{d} with mee, and in the eivening, affter showing them the grounds, I treated them att Whit Bull with ale & hott potts 8s. 10d. P^{d} 1s. pro lett^{r} to Tom Wambsley. Soe home with my gests.

November 8.—Went a hunting in the morning into Claughton. Tuck Will & Petter Wright with mee. Kill^{d} one hare and beaten with 2 more. Brought my gests back with mee alnight, and Dick Winyard, who supp^{d} with mee.

November 9.—In the morning Will. & Peter Wright went home. I gave them a hunt^{d} hare, and stay^{d} in the house alday, not beeing very harty.

November 10.—About one post prand. Mrs. and her two doug^{rs} sett forwards to Lan^{r} to see the ship lanced. Gave Mrs. 5s. In my chamb^{r} alday. Little Dick Shutlesworth kep^{tt} mee company and alnight.

Lancaster used to be a great place for ship building; but when Liverpool came into note as a seaport the shipping business generally dwindled into insignificance. A few years ago an effort was made to revive ship building at Lancaster, by a limited liability company, whose works were situated immediately behind the New Quay; but the attempt proved in the end a complete failure.

November 11.—Old Hen. [illegible]adsley came and tould mee hee would bee advised with mee about his will. Dick Shutlesworth went towards Garstang about 10.

Here abruptly ends the Diary; the last entry (Nov. 11) being about two and a half months prior to the Diarist's death. The following appears in the register of burials at Garstang Churchtown:—

1714-15, January 26, Thos. Tinsley, Esq., of Lodge.

THE TYLDESLEY PEDIGREE.

TYLDESLEY OF TYLDESLEY,

WARDLEY HALL, MORLEYS HALL, MYERSCOUGH LODGE, AND FOX HALL.

Henry de Tyldesley, sans date.

- Henry de Tyldesley, living at the time of the inquest, called Testa deNeville, and one of the jurors (temp. Hen. III).
- Adam de Tyldesley whose son Geoffrey assumed the name of Shakerley.
- Hugh de Tyldesley.

Henry de Tyldesley, living at the time of the inquest, called Testa deNeville, and one of the jurors (temp. Hen. III).

Richard de Tyldesley, lord of Tyldesley, temp. Ed. I.

Thomas de Tyldesley (omitted in the visitation of 1567).

Thurstan de Tyldesley = Margaret, dau. and coh. of Jordan de Workesley, lord of Wardley (temp. Ed. II).

- Thomas de Tyldesley, sergeant-at-law to king Hen. IV, ob. s. p.
- Hugh de Tyldesley.

Hugh de Tyldesley.

Thurstan de Tyldesley (omitted in visitation of 1567).

Thomas de Tyldesley (omitted ibidem). Inq. post mort, 18 Hen. VII (1502–3).

Thurstan de Tyldesley of Tyldesley Hall and Wardley. = Mary, dau. of Henry Keighley, of Keighley and Inskip (by Margt. dau. of Sir Robert Hesketh), and sister of Sir Henry Keighley, Knt.

Thomas Tyldesley, of Tyldesley, Esq., Receiver-General, and of Counsel to Thomas, Earl of Derby. = ... dau. of Sir Alexander Radcliffe, of Ordsall, Knt.

- Parnell, dau. of Geoffrey Shakerley, of Shakerley, Esq., descended from Adam, younger son of Hen. de Tyldesley. (1st wife).
- Thurstan Tyldesley, of Tyldesley, and Wardley, Esq., Receiver-General for the Isle of Man in 1532. In the Commission of the Peace and a Grand Juryman for the County Palatine of Lancaster, 14 Hen. VIII (1522). Will dated 6 Ed. VI (1552–3). = Jane, dau. of Ralph Langton, Baron of Newton. (2nd wife).
- Sir Richard Tyldesley, a monk at the Charter House.

Thurstan Tyldesley, of Tyldesley and Wardley, Esq., Receiver-General for the Isle of Man in 1532. In the Commission of the Peace and a Grand Juryman for the County Palatine of Lancaster, 14 Hen. VIII (1522). Will dated 6 Ed. VI (1552–3).

- Thomas Tyldesley, of Wardley, Esq., eld. son and heir. Inq. post. mort. 3 and 4 Phil. and Mar. (1556–7). Buried at Eccles. = Jane, dau. and heiress of Hugh Birkenhead, Esq. Marriage settlement dated 26 Oct. 10 Hen. VIII, (1518).
- Alice, uxor Sir Robert Worsley of Boothes, Knt.
- Edward Tyldesley of Tyldesley, and Morleys in jure uxore. Inq. post mort. 29 Eliz. (1586–7). = Ann, dau. and sole heiess of Thomas Leyland, of Morleys Hall, in Astley, Esq.
- Mary, uxor Ralph Standish, of Standish, Esq.
- Ann, uxor Richard Massey, of Rixton, Esq.
- Dorothy, uxor Richard Brereton, of Worsley, Esq.

Thomas Tyldesley, of Wardley, Esq., eld. son and heir. Inq. post. mort. 3 and 4 Phil. and Mar. (1556–7). Buried at Eccles. = Jane, dau. and heiress of Hugh Birkenhead, Esq. Marriage settlement dated 26 Oct. 10 Hen. VIII, (1518).

- Thurstan Tyldesley, of Wardley, Esq., æt. 24 in 1556. = Margaret dau. of Sir William Norreys, of Speke, Knt. [a]
- Hugh
- George
- Gilbert
- Thomas
- James
- Anne, of Eccles; will dated 16th Oct. 1556; buried at Eccles. Isabel, vix., 1556. Margt., viq., 1556.

Edward Tyldesley of Tyldesley, and Morleys in jure uxore. Inq. post mort. 29 Eliz. (1586–7). = Ann, dau. and sole heiess of Thomas Leyland, of Morleys Hall, in Astley, Esq.

- Thomas Tyldesley of Tyldesley and Morleys, Esq. Inq. post mort. dated 33 Eliz. (1590–1). = Eliz. dau. of Christopher Anderton, of Lostock Hall, Esq. [b]
- Thurstan Tyldesley, of Stanacre, Esq., m. Mary dau. of Robert Charnock, of Charnock and Astley, Esq. Edward Tyldesley.
- Jane, uxor William Anderton, of Anderton Esq.
- Anne, uxor Walter, Rigmayden, of Wedacre, Esq.
- . . uxor James Anderton, of Lostock, Esq.

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Sir Thomas Tyldesley, Knt., of Gray's Inn. Attorney General for the County of Lancaster, and one of the learned Council of the North.
=Ann, dau. and sole heiress of Thomas Norreys, of Orford, near Warrington, Esq.

James
Gilbert
Alexander

Thomas Tyldesley, na. 1597, ob. inf.

Richard Tyldesley, survived his father only four years, and died in 1639. Edward Tyldesley, ob. inf.

Elizabeth, coheiress, uxor Edmond Breres, of Brockhall, co. Lanc., barrister-at-law.
Anne, coheiress, uxor Thomas Southworth, of Samlesbury, Esq., and second, Adam Mort, of Preston, Esq.

Edward Tyldesley, Esq., of Tyldesley, Morleys, Myerscough, and Fox Hall, na. 1635; sold Tyldesley in 1685; will dated 26 Aug., 1675. His name was in the list for the intended order of Knighthood of the Royal Oak.
=Anne, dau. of Sir Thomas Fleetwood, of Colwich, co. Stafford, Baron of Newton, co. Lanc, 26 Nov., 1655. (1st wife).
=Elizabeth, dau. of Adam Beaumont, of Whiteley, Esq. (2nd wife).

Thomas Tyldesley, æt. 22 in 1664, vix. 1702.
Ralph Tyldesley na. 1644, vix. 1694.

Bridget, uxor Henry Blundell, of Ince Blundell, Esq.
Elizabeth.
Frances, uxor Thomas Stanley, of Great Eccleston Hall, Esq.
Anne, Abbess of the English Nuns at Paris in 1721.
Dorothy.
Margaret.
Mary, uxor Richard Crane.

Eleanor, dau. and coh. of Thomas Holcroft, of Holcroft, Esq., married in 1679.
=Thomas Tyldesley, Esq., of The Lodge, Myerscough, Fox Hall, and Morleys, na. 8 Ap., 1657. Buried at Garstang Churchtown, 26 January, 1715.
=Mary, dau. of Alexander Rigby, Esq., of Layton, and coheiress of her brother Sir Alexander Rigby, Knt.

Edward Tyldesley.

Frances, Anna, Maria, vix. 1748.
Catharine, of Preston, spinster.

Edward Tyldesley, Esq., of The Lodge, Myerscough. He joined the Pretender's cause in Lancashire, in 1715, for which he was tried but acquitted.
=Dorothy, living in 1725, and then a widow.

Frances, Elizabeth, Eleanor, Mary.

Charles Tyldesley, Fleetwood Tyldesley, James Tyldesley.

buried at Bispham, 9 May, 1706.

Agatha, uxor John of Bleasdell, Goosnargh.
Winefrid, spinster, of Myerscough Planks. Bap. at Bispham 8 Oct, 1702.

James Tyldesley, Esq., of Morleys, in Astley, and Holcroft. He sold Morleys in 1755. He served in the army of Prince Charles Edward in 1745; ob. Aug., 1765. His will is dated 8 Feb., 1765, and was proved at Chester, 23 April, 1768.
=Sarah, ob. 1770.

Catharine, of Preston.

Thomas Tyldesley

Charles, James.

Henry, Jane.

b

Ewdard Tyldesley, of Tyldesley, Morleys, and Myerscough Lodge, Esq., æt. 2 in 1587, ob. 1618. Inq. post mort. 19 Jac., (1621-2). He entertained King James I at Myerscough Lodge.
=Eliz., dau. of Christopher Preston, of Holker, co. Lanc., Esq. She married, 2nd, Thomas Lathom, Esq. of Parbold, and 3rd, Thomas Westby, of Bourne Hall, Esq.

Ann, uxor Sir Cuthbert. Clifton, of Westby, Knt.
Dorothy, uxor John Poole, of Poole, co. Chester, Esq.
Elizabeth, Abbess of Gravelins, in Flanders.

Sir Thomas Tyldesley, of Tyldesley, Morleys, and Myerscough Lodge, Knt. A Major-General in the Royal Army, and Governor of Lichfield. Slain in the battle of Wigan Lane, 25 Aug., 1651; buried in the Tyldesley chancel, at Leigh.
=Frances, dau. of Ralph Standish, of Standish, Esq.

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